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South China Invasion Threat Grows

Communists Probing Across Yangtse

Nanking, Apr. 12.—A small Communist force crossed the main Yangtse channel to an island near the South bank yesterday, emphasising the threat to invade South China unless the government quickly yields to surrender terms.

Semi-official sources in this gloomy capital said the Reds had postponed from today (Tuesday) until Friday the deadline for a government reply to last week's surrender ultimatum.

Three powerful Communist armies, however, were pressing steadily their assaults on the few remaining North bank positions of the Nationalists. One attack was in progress only six miles upstream and across the river from Nanking. Artillery fire was audible in the city during Sunday night.

The attacks were like a loaded gun, held menacingly to the government's head as it prepared to respond.

OBSERVERS BEWILDERED

Neutral military observers found no positive hints as to when or where a crossing to the South bank of the big river might come. They believed the Communists might be making threatening gestures while delaying a crossing in hopes of achieving some objectives politically.

The government's military news agency said about 10 boatloads of Communist troops crossed to an island 65 miles east of Nanking. It is separated from the South bank by a narrow backwater. The agency said Nationalist troops went onto the island to meet the attackers.

It said another minor crossing attempt was made late Sunday 140 miles Southwest of Nanking but was beaten off by government artillery which sank 10 boats.

Elsewhere up and down 650 miles of the twisting river, the Communists were attacking Nationalist North bank bridgeheads at scattered points.

One of the strongest onslaughts was against Kwachow, 40 miles East of Nanking. If the Communists can mount artillery at that point, they can bring the big South bank city of Chinkiang and the Shanghai-Nanking railway under artillery fire.

Other attacks continued at Anking, on the North bank 150 miles southwest of Nanking, and opposite Wuhu, on the South Bank 50 miles southwest of Nanking.—Associated Press.

SOONG IN TAIWAN

Taiwan, Apr. 11.—Dr T. V. Soong, former Chinese Premier, is now here with his family and financial and other experts.

Dr Soong and his party arrived here by plane on April 8. It is believed here that Dr Soong and the financial experts with him have come in connection with the Taiwan currency reform proposal under which the Taiwan Bank would operate directly under the control of the Ministry of Finance while the Taiwan currency would be negotiable for foreign exchange.

Interested quarters express the fear that if Dr Soong and "his old crowd" are going to be prominently concerned with the reform proposal they may try to extend their influence to the industrial field in which case, it is felt, there will be created another new combine handling all the Island's financial and industrial activities.—Reuter.

Alleged To Have Eaten Boy's Flesh

Bremen, April 11.—A German ship's steward will stand trial in Bremen on Tuesday accused of murdering a small boy and eating some of his flesh.

Bodd Fries, aged 39, is charged with murdering two boys, aged nine and 12.

The prosecution will allege that parts of the second boy's body were eaten by the accused and his family.

The prosecution said yesterday that Fries is simply charged with murder because cannibalism is not listed as an offence in the German criminal code.

The murders are alleged to have been committed in October, 1945, and June, 1947.—Associated Press.

Tories Gain 360: Labour Loses 362

London, Apr. 11.—The Conservative Central Office stated here tonight that the final figures for the County Council elections in England and Wales showed Conservative gains 360—and losses 19; Labour gains 69 and losses 362.

Of the 362 Conservative gains, 225 were from Labour and of the 19 Conservative losses 11 went to Labour, it was stated.

Warring Socialists and Conservatives here today waited anxiously for reports from a nursing home on an invalid who may decide which party gets control of London. The key man is Mr J. H. MacDonnel, one of the 64 Socialists elected last week to the London County Council.

Since the Conservatives also won 64 seats, Mr MacDonnel's vote is all-important in the selection on Wednesday of 11 Aldermen, who may be Socialist or Conservative, depending on which party can muster the most votes.

Mr Isaac Hayward, a Socialist leader, said today that he expected Mr MacDonnel to be able to attend Wednesday's meeting.—Reuter.

BRITAIN SETS COLOSSAL EXPORTS TARGET

£180,000,000 Worth Of Goods To N. American Continent

London, Apr. 11.—Britain aims at exporting £180,000,000 worth of goods to Canada and the United States in the calendar year 1950, Mr Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, announced today. The specific export objectives for individual commodities would be fixed, he added.

"In setting forth an export target of £180,000,000 as against £136,000,000 last year, the Government recognise that North America is the most difficult market in the world," he told Parliament during the debate on the Budget.

"In it we face the fierce competition from the United States and Canadian industries and a large number of buyers who are in a position to pick and choose. The only factors which count in that market are price, quality and services.

Britain's present exports to North America, he said, amounted to only £1 per head of the population, whereas in Australia they amounted to nearly £19.

"Therefore, we have to go out and sell with vigour, aggressiveness and emphasis."

The task of selling British goods in America was "one of the greatest challenges in history to the merchant adventuring spirit of our traders."

OPEN "FAVOURITISM"

Detailing the help which the Government intended to give to exporters to the North American market, Mr Wilson said where necessary "Open favouritism" would be given to the exporters to Canada and the United States in their production difficulties.

Government departments had been instructed to ensure that resources were made available for a smooth and increased flow of production for the Canadian and United States markets.

"We shall aim to provide the best possible Government service to exporters. It has already been decided to divide the United States into four regions, each covered by superintending a trade consul for our administrative purposes.

"It will be necessary to provide special help for the special difficulties of the North American markets. This will take the form of additional resistance by the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

"Every project seriously intended to assist export trade to North America will be carefully and sympathetically examined."

UNTAPPED MARKET

British exports to the United States must "strike out far beyond the traditional business outlooks of the Eastern seaboard."

"There is virtually an untapped market, particularly in the West and the South if only we go out and attack it in a determined way," Mr Wilson said.

"There is also a very considerable market in many parts of the United States and Canada for lower priced goods of good quality."

A special and energetic publicity campaign would be undertaken. This year's British Industries Fair would have a special bearing on the North American export drive.

The guest speaker at the Mansion House dinner, which traditionally marks the opening of the Fair, would be Mr C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, who would make a special journey for the purpose.

From soundings he had taken in many quarters, there was a great keenness on the part of industry and trade to launch a new and great drive for export to North America.

INVITES CONFERENCE

The Chancellor of the Exchequer and he were, therefore, inviting representatives of all the organisations concerned to a special conference to be held as soon as possible after Easter.

"I hope the result of this conference may be to give form and substance to ideas from all sides of the table as to how this job should be tackled and how fast we can provide Government help."

Dealing with Canada, Mr Wilson said: "We have to work out in collaboration with our Canadian friends, many methods of approach, but the method most ready to our hand is to strive with all our might and main to expand our direct exports to Canada.

"The market for engineering goods in Canada is not yet being adequately tackled," he said.

Exporting to Canada was "a task calling for all who have anything to sell."

Much is being done, not only by the large exporters or well-known firms, but by many new concerns which did not exist before the war.

"In the North American export drive, the Government stands ready to assist to the full extent if its powers all who can play their part in producing the selling goods."

MOST URGENT TASK

Earlier, Mr Wilson said that the building up of exports to Canada and the United States was the "most urgent task before us.' It is a difficult field where there is plenty of room and where long term plans of expansion are not likely to be upset by restrictions on imports."

Mr Wilson added: "This great task of increasing Dollar exports must be achieved not by starving other markets, but within our total export achievement.

"Exporters must now be asked to go full out to take every opportunity in the North American market even if this means in marginal cases paying less attention to markets where we find no difficulty in paying our way."

To maintain Britain's standard of living when Marshall Aid ceased in 1953, she ought to be exporting to Canada and the United States at a rate of £185,000,000 a year, based on the mid-1948 figures, he said.

"We propose, as a measure of the gap which our direct exports have to close, to fix and publish for the calendar year specific export objectives for individual commodities to Canada and the United States. The total figure amounts to £180,000,000 worth of goods to North America in the calendar year 1950."

Certain industries had done extremely well in the Dollar drive, but all in all "we have still a very long way to go." The proportion of Britain's total exports to North America was now lower than it was before the war.

OTHER POINTS

Other points Mr Wilson made were: The instruction to Government departments to ensure that resources were made available for a smooth and increasing flow of production for the Canadian and United States markets meant in appropriate cases "outright discrimination between firm and firm."

Dollars would be provided for sales promotion. "No exporter need to hesitate to ask the Exchange Control for reasonable allocations of Dollars where this could be shown to be legitimately needed for effective and businesslike promotion of our exports to Canada and the United States for such purposes as market research, advertising, establishment of agencies and selling and servicing organisations."

Although the present volume of imports from Canada was immense she was Britain's largest single source of supply. There were many commodities which Britain would wish to buy and which Canada would wish to supply, but there was no easy, quick or ready solution to this problem.

"We have got to work out in co-operation with our Canadian friends many methods of approach. The method most ready to hand is to strive with all our might to expand our direct exports to her."—Reuter.

WHAMPOA DOCK WORK PROGRESS

Canton, Apr. 11.—With more than HK$500,000 already spent, the second stage in the development of Whampoa Harbour, the port of Canton, is due to be completed in about a month's time, Reuter learns from an authoritative source.

Five warehouses have already been built and three more are being constructed. Present wharves provide for the simultaneous berthing of four ships of more than 3,000 tons each.

When the second stage of development is completed, a modern and artistic reception hall will be built inside the wharf area. This hall will incorporate an information counter, a post office, a Customs office and first aid services.

The Whampoa Development Company, which operates wharf facilities on a commercial basis by special arrangement with the Chinese Government, also intends to start such services as insurance, customs brokerage and baggage transportation.—Reuter.

Russians Beat Speed Of Sound

Washington, Apr. 11.—The U.S. Air Secretary, Mr W. Stuart Symington, said today that USSR Air Force pilots have flown "hundreds of miles per hour beyond the speed of sound."

He did not specify an exact figure. At sea level the speed of sound is 764 miles per hour.

Mr Symington made his statement testifying before the House of Representatives' Armed Services Committee in support of legislation to authorise a US$311,000,000 programme for transonic and supersonic research.—Associated Press.

Asmara Incident

Asmara, Eritrea, Apr. 11.—British troops are patrolling Asmara and a curfew will be imposed tomorrow following an armed attack on a restaurant and the shooting of an Italian by local inhabitants.—Reuter.

Wins $23,000 In Prizes

Donora, Pennsylvania, Apr. 11.—Mrs Frieda Perry today awaited a windfall of $23,000 in prizes and a four-ton circus elephant for identifying a "Stop the Music" radio programme mystery tune.

The 44-year-old Housewife and her husband Anthony had some definite ideas about how they would use the merchandise prizes, which included a 1949 automobile and a $3,000 diamond ring. But about Jumbo they were not so sure.

"Gee, I don't know what we will do with an elephant," said Mrs Perry. "That thing wouldn't even fit in our garage."

Mrs Perry's other prizes include a ten-day trip to England, a $1,000 wardrobe, $2,500 kitchen complete with the latest appliances, $1,000 bond, $2,500 mink coat, trip to the Kentucky Derby and many smaller items.

Her husband has a $75 a week job with a steel plant. They have been married three years and have no children.—United Press.

Students Picket NY College

New York, Apr. 11.—Twenty-five demonstrators were taken into custody today when about 200 students picketed the College of the City of New York, demanding the suspension of two Faculty members whom they accuse of anti-Semitism.

The pickets, chanting and carrying placards, took up their posts 40 minutes before classes were to begin. Immediately after the strikers began chanting "Get the cops off the campus." Twenty police on the scene called for reinforcements.

The strike was voted by the Student Council last Friday after a referendum. The Council said the action protested against the "administrative inaction" in cases of Professor William E. Knickerbocker, the Chairman of the Romantic Languages Department, and Mr William C. Davis, economic instructor.

A Faculty committee and the Board of Higher Education cleared Professor Knickerbocker of the anti-Semitism charge. Mr Davis resigned as assistant to the President of the college last year after a Faculty Board accused him of practising segregation at a school dormitory, but he remained on as an instructor in the Economics Department.—Reuter.

Slash In U.S. Aid Urged

CONGRESSMAN'S SOCIALISM FEAR

Washington, Apr. 11.—Republican Representative John Taber today asked for a slash in Marshall aid spending to prevent the United States from promoting Socialism in Europe.

Mr Taber, a member of the Appropriations Committee, gave his views in a speech prepared for delivery in the debate on the £5,380,000,000 foreign aid bill. Overspending in Europe, Mr Taber said, was permitting Western Europe and Britain to socialise industry and keep it busy on "projects which are utterly ridiculous and foolish, like building stations on French railroads and digging up streets in Belgian cities."

"If these people would go to work with all the money that has been given them and all the food that has been given them, they could have already developed an arms production programme which would supply Britain, France and Italy with everything they need to protect themselves from their Communist neighbours."

Mr Taber said Socialism would bring dictators and reactions against these dictators would drive Europe straight to Communism.

NEED NO MONEY

"We should adopt amendments here reducing the amount to these authorisations to something approaching the need. They need no money for the rest of this fiscal year. They do not need $4,000,000,000 for the next fiscal year."

Mr Taber said he would support "reasonable foreign aid, but I cannot support a proposition that is based upon a racket and raid upon the American people."

Republican Representative C. Hoffman announced that he would vote against the pending bill and proposals for arms aid to Western Europe because the money, with the Atlantic Pact, "will almost certainly involve us in the war."—United Press.

Bunche Visits Grave

Stockholm, Apr. 11.—Dr Ralph Bunche, acting Palestine Mediator, arrived in Stockholm today on his way to the United States, and went immediately to visit the grave of his late chief, Count Bernadotte, who was assassinated in Jerusalem last September. Dr Bunche will be the guest of Countess Bernadotte.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

An Air Terminal In Jeopardy

A NUMBER of MPs, among whom the most insistent voices are those of Air Commodore Harvey, Mr Gammans and Mr Fletcher, have been calling upon the Imperial Government to make a declaration about the proposed new airport for Hongkong. A statement has long been promised, but tantalisingly delayed: but there is reason to believe that an announcement will be forthcoming very soon inasmuch that Air Commodore Harvey was last week enticed to withdraw a pertinent question relating to this subject on the understanding that the Government was finalising its policy. To Hongkong, a modern airport is something more than an external sign of progression. It is, if the Colony is to continue to be the hub of commercial enterprise in the Far East, a necessity. The question has been posed more than once as to whether Hongkong can, in terms of dollars, afford the cost of an up-to-date airport, and it is interesting to note that no attempt has yet been made to give a direct answer. House of Commons debates over the last three years have led to the Government making vague references about the expensiveness of such a project, but never in sufficiently downright tones to suggest that it is beyond the means of the joint Home and Hongkong exchequers. For two fiscal years the local Budget has included token allocations for such an undertaking, and it has been fairly broadly hinted that the Imperial Government is willing to give financial assistance. All of which is encouraging, but too vaguely so. The need for a new airport may not, at this moment, be imperative, but it is rapidly moving toward that state. While Kai Tak continues to establish new records in handling inward and outward commercial aircraft, it is, by its physical limitations, also compelling the Colony to forego much heavier and profitable air traffic. The days of the two-engined plans are not yet numbered, but the whole trend of aeronautical development is toward bigger and faster aircraft which demand adequate landing and take-off facilities with the maximum of safety. Kai Tak, with all the will in the world, cannot today provide this for the newest types of planes, and, what is more important, never will. Thus, if Hongkong, still the main trading port in the Orient, and likely to remain so, cannot keep pace with the necessities created by modern aircraft, it is destined to lose out as the principal air terminal north of Singapore. Admittedly a new airport comes into the category of a long-term investment, and cannot expect to pay for itself in the first two years of operation. But to Hongkong and its continued prosperity it must be regarded as an asset—and a very desirable one. The Colony's recovery programme is based on a long-term policy, and because of this the provision of an adequate airport whereby all manner of aircraft can be safely accommodated is essential. Any further undue delay in converting the airport scheme into a reality may earn for the Colony the stigmatic expression of "too little and too late," and at the same time place Hongkong into the category of a second-rate air terminal, with consequent loss of trade and prestige.

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By VERA WINSTON

THERE'S STYLE and charm to spare in the new little casual daytime dress. Shown this year, are neat little numbers that have it all over the old-time utility dress, for these frocks can fare forth proudly and go places. Navy spun rayon is used for this one which is enlivened by drawn work and white stitching on the bodice. While piping edges the neckline and the bodice closing. White buttons make the neckline to hem closing of this swell new version of the house dress.

Report on a school sex talk

By ALAN CLARKE

SHEFFIELD.

MOTHERS of 52 11-year-old West Riding schoolgirls, two unmarried teachers, myself and a toddler sat on plain wooden chairs in a large classroom of the Hill Modern School, Thurnscoe, to hear 47-year-old Dr Elsie Vincent demonstrate her method of teaching sex.

I was there with the permission of the progressive West Riding Education authorities, as the journalist-father of three children, to discover how an expert handles the subject.

For more than an hour these mothers sat quite quiet—as still as the potted tulips and hyacinths on the window-sills of that blue-and-cream decorated room. Only the toddler got bored and had to be taken out.

"TELL ME . ."

After the lecture the mothers—including wives of miners in the nearby pit—thanked Dr Vincent, voted unanimously to ask her to give them a further talk in a fortnight. (Before beginning Dr Vincent had said: "Let's pretend you are all 11-year-old schoolgirls").

Dr Vincent divides her sex-teaching into four talks—the fourth usually being devoted to recapitulation and oral or written questions from the children.

The talk the mothers and I heard—it was the first—dealt with the biological story of reproduction from the simple-division method of the amoeba to the more complicated manner of rabbits. ("Tell me, girls, do rabbits lay eggs?"—"No, miss!") She continued: "Rabbits, as many of you girls who keep pets know, have their babies in a little pouch called a womb. Actually the female rabbit has two wombs. Humans, of course, have only one."

Later Dr Vincent outlined the rest of her course to me in detail. Let me say, as a parent, that there was nothing in it which I should not like my 12-year-old son to hear. I do not mean that any vital fact is shirked.

For example, the knowledge imparted includes a brief statement of what happens when a man and woman mate, and of the changes in the man which enables this to happen. This is followed by the story of the development of a child and the method of its birth.

While she talks, Dr Vincent writes the more technical words on the blackboard, and draws chalk diagrams showing the reproductive organs of birds and plants.

CHILD'S SHIELD

Every biological aspect of sex is covered, on the ground that knowledge should be gained before boys and girls are affected by the emotional disturbances of adolescence.

The course includes instruction on methods of personal hygiene. The only variation Dr Vincent makes when talking to boys or girls is in this connection. With girls, for example, the simple explanation of menstruation—given to both sexes—is amplified.

This complete factual biological groundwork is the essential basis of all sex education, Dr Vincent explained to me.

She believes it is the foundation on which all later moral teaching about sex and the personal Christian attitude to marriage must rest.

Such knowledge is a child's shield against the otherwise frightening natural phenomena which occur at puberty.

But, perhaps, as important as what Dr Vincent says is how she says it. The secret of her success lies in her personality.

She is the wife of a Sheffield Civil servant, with a 23-year-old son. She is short and slim, with a mass of curly Titian hair, and a brisk, animated manner.

Every year she delivers about 450 lectures, averaging over ten a week during term time, throughout the West Riding, which has 1,300 schools.

I asked her if she ever gets tired of lecturing. "Never," she said. "It is a pleasure to see new, fresh young faces; to know that one is clearing doubts and fears from young minds."

CHILD'S QUESTIONS

Let me record—again as a parent—that the main questions children ask are: (1) "Where did I come from?" (2) "How did I get out!" (3) "How did I get in?"

Dr Vincent, in her running commentary—she lectured with a flow developed through years of experience—answers these questions in their natural sequence. But she embroiders the story with a fund of homely simile, idiom and fun.

For example: "You girls probably think that the croaking of a frog is a beastly noise. But the lady frog, who has got a lot of eggs in her body waiting to be fertilised, thinks he has lovely voice, just like Bing Crosby or Frank Sinatra."

SCIENTIFIC TERMS

The journey from the amoeba to the rabbit was marked by scientific terms written and left on the blackboard, which at the end had eight words on it, including cell, egg-cell, ovary, testes, sperm, and fertilisation.

Her account had fascinating little asides to keep the children's interest about her "baby son" who is "now as big as (that" (pointing to the ceiling), and a toddler named William, who lives in Fiji and likes to climb banana trees.

But these asides are not allowed to distract from the natural unfolding of her story. Naturalness is the keynote of Dr Vincent's teaching.

New Fibre Combinations Create New Fabrics

NEW YORK.

THE wartime dreams of glass and plastic dresses that could be cleaned with a damp cloth and would last forever have vanished in the practical world of peace and business, it appears.

Few of those "dream" fibres turned up in the 210 examples of contemporary textile production recently on display at the Metropolitan museum of art. Those that did were upholstery, drapery and industrial fabrics. And most of them were more commendable for institutional use than for home beauty.

The glass fibre people said they have decided it never will be practical for clothing because it's non-absorbent and unstretchable. Glass drapery fabrics are in evidence in increasing quantity. They still have a window-glass shine, but new treatments and combination with other fibres are expected to make them as attractive as they are fireproof and easily washed.

The majority of new dress fabrics in the museum's show are the result of combinations of tried and true fibres. Silk and wool, cotton and silk, rayon and fur and acetate and viscose rayons are teamed with complete assurance among the pure silks, solid cottons and 100 percent. wools. The mixtures have added strength to beauty and achieved new colours and feels.

Tops for luxury among them is a silk and cashmere combination which comes out with a heavy silk back and a dark cashmere pile surface as soft, glassy as one could wish.

A cotton and nylon combination comes out a crisp, washable taffeta which should be almost impervious to wear. Cotton for strength and rayon for gloss is an effective upholstery fabric combination.—United Press.

PARK AUNT CUTS OUT NANNY

By SYLVIA SHANKLAND

IN Oslo the other day, I called on a Norwegian friend. Knowing she was maidless and had three young children, I expected a disturbed morning with an overworked, tired housewife.

Arriving at her flat, I found coffee and cakes, prepared by a far from harassed lady of the house—and not a child to be seen. Where were they? "With the park-aunt," replied my friend.

Nannies are a thing of the past in Oslo. The Norwegian higher-income-group mother can seldom find even a maid, unless she imports one from abroad (Danish girls can be found). She can, however "park" her under-school-age children every week-day morning between 10 and 2.30 (lunch time in Norway is between three and four).

No Overheads

A young woman calls, collects the children, takes them with a dozen or so other children from the neighbourhood into the nearest park. For safety, the children are conducted through the streets holding on to a long tape.

In the park, the children play while their "aunt" sits on a bench, sometimes with the youngest in a pram.

This service costs mother between 15s. and 20s. a week.

A "park aunt" has to have a first aid certificate. No other qualification is necessary, but, of course, she must be good with children. She has no overhead expenses, for Oslo's parks are free to all.

(London Express Service.)

Measures To Aid British Family Shoppers

THE shopkeepers in the charming old town of Lavenham, Suffolk, England, which count young Mrs Margaret Turner among their customers treat her with more than ordinary respect.

For she has ideas about weights and measures which she thinks should benefit the family shopper. What is more, she is likely to be able to have them put into effect, for she has been appointed by Britain's Board of Trade to a committee which will find out whether the regulations covering weights and measures are all they should be. Moreover, it is the first committee to discuss these matters since the Act governing them was passed 80 years ago.

Mrs Turner who is to represent the consuming public, will have another woman with her on the committee—Mrs Rosa Pearson of Gateshead, Durham, who is active in local government and in working women's organisations. Incidentally last year, she was National President of the Women's Co-operative Guild. The recommendations of the committee may be far-reaching, for it is not impossible that they may suggest that apparatus like petrol pumps and penny weighing machines—unheard of when the Act was passed—should be as regularly inspected as are the grocer's scales.

NOW FOR NO-IRONING UNDIES

—THEY'LL BE IN THE SHOPS IN FOUR WEEKS TIME . . .

NO-IRONING undies—a smash-seller in America—are on their way to the shops at last. The first of these new nylon-mesh undies, which dry in a couple of shakes and need no pressing, will be on sale in four weeks' time—and not for millionaires only.

NIGHTIE has frilled wing shoulders matched with a five-inch frill round the hem. Elastic thread is woven in at waist and under arm levels.

Nylon mesh is a very fine material, as transparent as tulle, but very strong. Main colours are peach, blue, and ivory. ROBB has drawn the new one-size versions of the mesh undies. The maker claims that a fine elastic thread woven into the material at strategic places makes the garment fit any hip size from 32-inch to 40-inch.

Drawings by ROBB

UNDIE SET has elastic thread woven at two-inch intervals on the pants, and below bust on the brassiere. They can be washed out and dried overnight.

—(London Express Service).

Neat Look for Teen Agers



Courtesy Lady Dexton

If you don't want to carry your hand bag, this bill fold is ideal. It has a mirror and comb; space for bills, coins, keys, photos, and lipstick.

By HELEN FOLLETT

ON the subjects of dress and grooming, the teen-age contingent has had a change of mind. Whereas, in the past, it was considered cute to look sloppy, it is now deemed correct to be attired in smart garments that are only partially casual. This state of affairs is giving joy to the mamas and is much less of a strain on the public eye. Little brother has inherited the blue jeans and the shirts.

College girls are actually setting styles. Every woman of slim lines, if she is smart, will wander into the junior department when looking for a frock or a coat. She will find little numbers that have that indefinable something that "makes" it and has the magic to drop a few years from her birthday record. There are no longer any fights between mama and daughter on the question of clothes. Many a mama has come to the conclusion that "daughter knows best."

Our young ladies are going in for accessories to brighten appearance—smart belts, lapel pins, even lace collars. They are making it a point to carry pocketbooks and wallets that match the coat. Considering all the items they want to lug around with them, they are pretty fussy when making a selection.

A popular item is a billfold that actually holds all that any girl could expect it to hold. Mirror and comb are included with fittings for lip-stick, bills, coins, keys and a photograph of the best beau. The photo windows in this wallet are detachable. All the equipment is compactly arranged on the inside of the billfold with the exception of the change purse, conveniently placed on the outside for easy accessibility. Grand! You don't have to paw and fumble through everything when you need bus fare.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN



How To Make Good Pie Crust

"I SEE you're using the new free-wheeling model!" I exclaimed, as I stepped into the test kitchen.

"You mean this new rolling-pin?" grinned the Chef. "It goes very well. It has the steel ball bearings so not much pressure is needed."

"But Chef, you're not using the shirt, the little jersey jacket that slips over the rolling-pin."

"Oh, it works better without. I was never taught to put any encumbrance on the rolling-pin. And I also do not find it necessary to use the pastry cloth on the table. I prefer the simple operation."

Pastry Cloth

"That's all right for you, Chef, but for inexperienced homemakers it's a great help to use a 'shirt' on the rolling-pin, and a pastry cloth on the table. Much less flour is needed in rolling out dough when they're used, and the dough doesn't stick to either the board or rolling-pin. In fact, a pastry board is not needed at all, for the cloth can be spread on any flat surface. This is a great convenience to kitcheneers who have no room to store a pastry board, and don't own a kitchen table."

"That is all right for the beginners who live in small quarters," argued the Chef. "But they must be careful to keep the shirt and pastry cloth very clean and sanitary and away from the dust. You know these materials absorb fat from the pie-dough or cookies, so it is necessary to put on a clean shirt often. For myself, I simply wash the rolling-pin and pastry board in warm water, and it is as good as new. In rolling puff paste, which must be kept very cold, I like to use a metal rolling-pin that holds the ice-cubes; but for making American piecrust, all you need is a plain wooden rolling-pin like the old one I brought from France." He pointed to a slender, smooth rod of wood about 18 inches long and 2 inches in diameter, with tapered ends. "It is very reliable for biscuits, cookies and plain piecrust," he added, running his hand over the smooth surface.

"Talking about old reliable, here's something," I said, opening the closet and taking out my treasured curly-maple rolling-pin. The Chef's eyes gleamed. "This one has done very great service," he remarked, examining the wooden handles almost half worn through.

Roll Out Piecrust

"My grandmother taught me how to roll out piecrust with this, and she claimed it had been in her family for three generations," I explained. "We have several kinds of rolling-pins, new and old, here in the test kitchen. But the rules for making and rolling out piecrust remain the same.

"Keep the dough as dry as possible. Roll only enough at one time to make one crust. Use only very little flour on the board and pin.

"Put the dough in the centre of the board, dust with a very little flour. Press lightly with the rolling-pin until it is flat. Then with a light even pressure, roll the dough away from you, starting at the right side, rolling directly in front, and ending with the left side, finally making a round of dough an eighth of an inch thick, and 2 or 3 inches larger than the pie plate. Dust with a very little flour, fold lightly into fourths, transfer to the pie plate, unfold and ease the crust into place.

Dinner

Grape Fruit and Tangerine Cup
Baked Liver with Tomatoes
Diced Cooked Celery
Flaky Potatoes Cole Slaw
Pickled Carrots and String Beans on Lettuce
Old-Fashioned Custard Pie
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Baked Liver With Tomatoes

Purchase 1 lb. beef, pork or lamb liver, sliced thin. Pour over boiling water; remove the liver at once, and pull off the outer skin and tough membranes. Brush the liver with melted bacon fat or shortening, salt, pepper and a little thyme. Place in a well oiled baking utensil and cover with fine bread crumbs. Around it put the tomatoes from 1 (No. 2½) solid pack tin. (Save the tomato juice for soup or gravy.) Dust the tomatoes with ½ tsp. salt, ⅛ tsp. pepper and 1 tsp. sugar. Bake in a moderate oven, 350 to 375 F. about 45 min., or until well browned and fork-tender. If desired, serve from the baking dish.

American Piecrust

Sift together 2 c. flour and ½ tsp. salt. Add ¾ c. vegetable shortening or 2/3 c. lard. Chop in with a pastry blender until the mixture looks like corn flakes. Add 2 tbsp. cold water and mix in lightly with a fork. Then add a second tbsp. cold water. More may be needed to make the dough stick together, but use as little as possible. Put the dough on a large sheet of waxed paper, fold up in envelope shape and pat to make it stick together. Chill 30 min. if possible before rolling. Use in making any kind of pie.

Old-Fashioned Custard Pie

Use homemade piecrust or a mix. Roll to ⅛" thickness; with it line a deep pie plate; build up the edges by fluting with the fingers. To make the filling, slightly beat 3 eggs, add ½ c. granulated sugar, ¼ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. nutmeg. Continue to beat until well blended, but do not allow it to become fluffy. Add 2 c. cold milk. Pour the custard mixture into the lined pie plate, sprinkle over ¼ tsp. nutmeg and bake 10 min. in a hot oven, 400 F. Then reduce the heat to 350 F. and finish baking, allowing about 30 min. When done the custard will be golden brown on top, and a knife when inserted in the centre comes out clean.

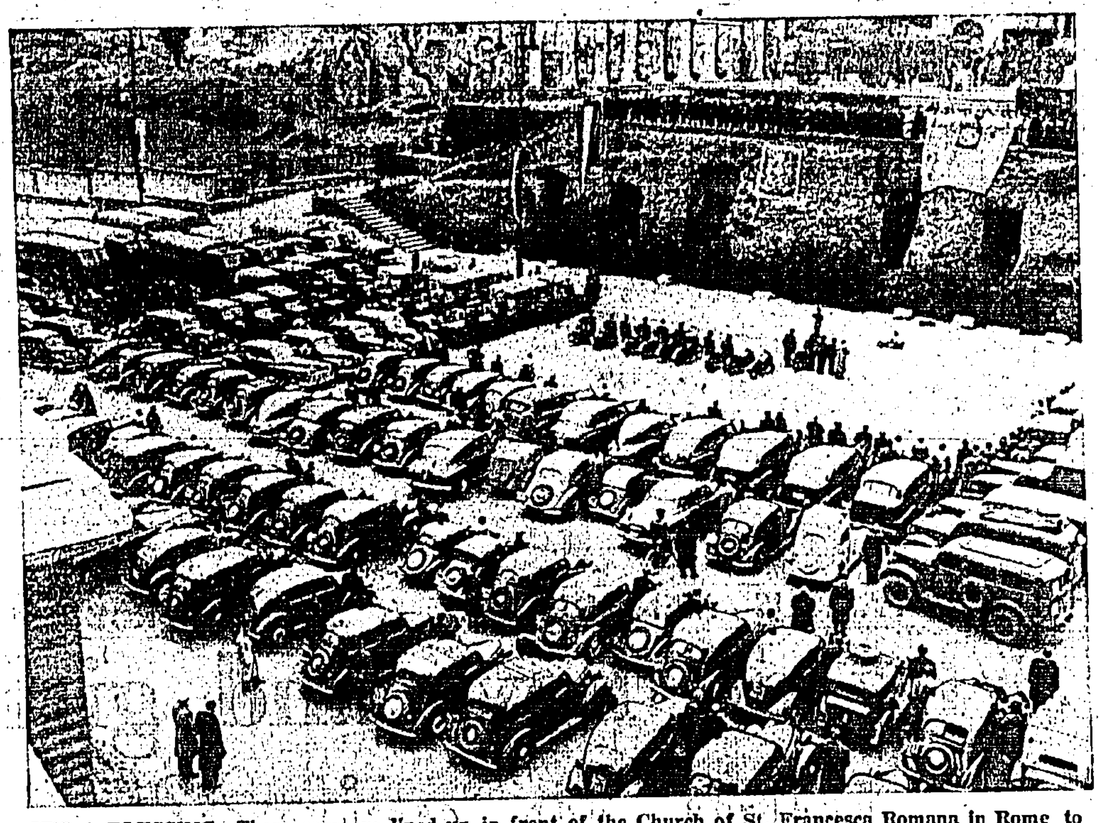
Trick Of The Chef

To keep custard pie filling from soaking into the crust, first brush the crust with unbeaten egg white, then pour in the filling.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



ON LECTURE TOUR—Bearded Krishna Venta waves to a group of admirers at LaGuardia Field, New York, as he arrives from Denver with his wife. He claims he is not a healer, but he preaches brotherly love. He is now in England for a series of lectures.



IT'S A BLESSING—These cars are lined up in front of the Church of St. Francesca Romana in Rome to receive the blessings of parish priests from an altar on the edge of the ancient Roman forum, right background. The church is dedicated to the "car saint."



FOR THE WINNERS—Here are the recently awarded Oscars being made for the lucky Academy Award winners of this year. Made of bronze, they are afterwards gold plated.



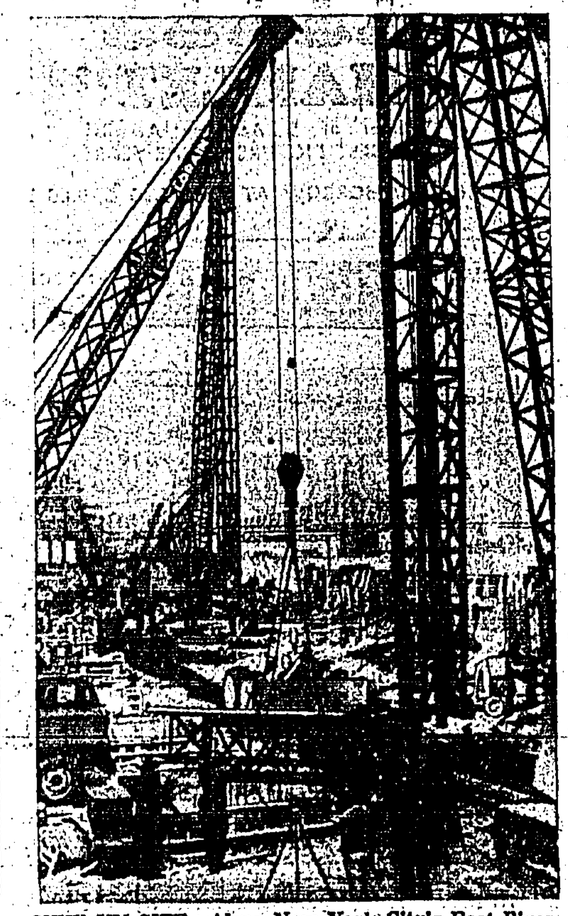
FACING STARVATION—These refugee Arab children, in Amman, Transjordan, scramble into a railway wagon in search of sugar that may have fallen from bags of relief supplies. The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund provides a daily supplementary meal for 300,000 refugee children.



TAKE ME HOME—Toni Lea Johahn, four, got away from her mother in Chicago. She was lost in the icy streets until a policeman found her. Then Toni Lea had a terrible time making him understand her name. But he finally got her home.



ODD CONTESTANT—Jay Sigworth holds a poisonous gila monster for Mildred Smith's inspection. The reptile was an entrant in the Gila Monster Derby, held in connection with the annual Championship Rodeo in Glendale, Arizona.



NEW UN SITE—Along New York City's East River, pile drivers begin driving the 1,700 steel pilings which will support the new United Nations buildings. The first building is expected to be ready in the autumn of 1950.



A WINTER'S TALE—When a strong wind whipped into Chicago from Lake Michigan, it sent huge waves pounding against the city's shoreline. The icy spray formed this shimmering coating along the beach.



SLOW AND UNCERTAIN—Confined to a wheelchair for 35 years, W. C. Lobow checks a map during his wheelchair ride from Clovis, New Mexico, to New York City. He averages about 12 miles a day.



DATE-TIME DARLING—Rustling taffeta, dear to the junior's heart, is polka-dotted for party wear in this New York model.



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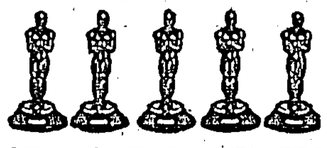


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"We'll be different this year—no standing up in crowds for us—we'll hire a little yacht and see the Boat-race close-up." London Express Service

TWO FAMOUS MEN DISCUSS A SOCIAL PROBLEM:

Why do boys and girls turn to crime?

By the Archbishop of York

(DR CYRIL GARBETT)

THE facts of juvenile delinquency are very simple. In the year 1947, of those found guilty in Britain of larceny, 29 percent were boys and girls under 17, and in addition 12 percent were between 17 and 21.

That is to say, 41 out of every 100 persons convicted were under the age of 21. In all, 31,377 were convicted under the age of 21; and of these 12,956 were under 14.

For breaking in and stealing, out of every 100 persons convicted, 52 were under the age of 17, and 16 between the ages of 17 and 21.

That is to say, 68 out of every 100 were under 21. In all 13,819 under the age of 21 were convicted, and of these 6,518 were under fourteen.

But this is not the worst. The Lord Chancellor said last November that in the first six months of 1948, 22,000 juveniles in Britain had been convicted; if the same figure was true for the second half of the year, it would mean 44,000 convictions for juveniles under 17, against 35,000 in 1947.

These figures show a grave state of affairs. Some attempt has been made to detract from their significance by showing that 44,000 convictions is a small proportion of the total number of children under 17. Most readily I agree with this. No sensible person would imagine that the vast majority of our boys and girls are dishonest. This would be a distorted picture.

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THE present position is due to more than one cause. There is a tendency in certain quarters to balance "the pictures." I am sure this is undue simplification. Sometimes the pictures may suggest crimes: I think with even greater frequency they show the criminal caught and beauty and virtue triumphant!

When I was much younger, it was customary to put all the blame for juvenile offences on "penny dreadfuls." Now the cinema has taken their place for those who want a simple solution for a difficult problem.

Three causes, I think, are most responsible:

First, the unsettlement caused by the war. The fathers and elder brothers away, the mother often at work, and the child left largely to himself in an atmosphere of strain and excitement.

Secondly, the shortage of goods, which tempts children to steal food and odds and ends.

Third, lack of parental control. Most parents have a high sense of responsibility for their children, and make great sacrifices to see they are well fed and clothed, and have a good education.

But it is no good denying there is a minority who help their children neither by example nor precept, and who are quite incapable of controlling them.

But there are also the broken homes, where either the parents are separated or persistently quarrelling. In a report published last year, it was found that nearly one-third of the cases of delinquency came from broken homes.

There are also parents who seem incapable of managing their children. They are sometimes afraid of offending the children by punishing them; sometimes they are erratic in their treatment of them; sometimes they spoil them by giving them anything for which they ask.

When I was Bishop of Southwark, a boy of nine or ten climbed a tree in my garden which overlooked the road; he lost his nerve, and nothing would persuade him to come down. One of the children watching had the sense to run and tell the mother, who lived a street or two away.

She arrived in a state of great indignation, and told the little crowd that anyone who said her Tommy climbed trees was a damned liar.

Then, looking up at Tommy, she told her she would kill him if he didn't come down; as this didn't persuade him, she then said she would give him a nice tea if he was a good boy. Tommy came down, was shaken violently by his mother, while she promised him the best beating he had ever had in his life!

This was an example of maternal affection—the mother in defence of her young—but hardly of wise parental control. There are parents who need education in the art of parenthood.

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IT is even harder to suggest remedies than causes. The new Criminal Justice Act should be a great step in the right direction if it is used intelligently.

Something could be done to improve the working of the juvenile courts. In principle they are admirable, and often very good in their working. But this is not always the case. Sometimes the magistrates have greater kindliness than wisdom.

Again, more police are required. They have at present quite an impossible task. They are overwhelmed with duties which have nothing to do with the detection of crime.

What is much more fundamental is the necessity of a change in the general attitude towards dishonesty and untruthfulness, for the two are always found together. The standard of honesty and truthfulness has been weakened through the weakening of religion. The sphere of influence of the Churches is smaller today than it was in the past. The State, however, can speak to all its citizens, and it can give three reasons for greater honesty:

First, it can show how severely the nation is suffering through innumerable petty acts of dishonesty; it loses, not thousands, but millions of pounds year by year. Let the State by active propaganda show the nation the extent of the material loss it now suffers.

Second, let the State bring home to all the moral and spiritual loss suffered through the suspicion, mistrust, and fear that are caused in all classes by the dishonesty and falsehood of an unscrupulous minority.

Third, let the State make plain how great is the personal suffering inflicted on those who have had their small savings, valued keepsakes, ornaments, their clothes, and their working tools stolen from them.

Tragedy Of Broken Homes

By BASIL L. Q. HENRIQUES

President of the East London Children's Court

STATISTICS are always dangerous. Even if they may show that more children and young persons in Britain are appearing before the Courts, it does not necessarily mean an increase in delinquency. They may well mean that more children are being caught.

If the chances of being detected become greater, there will eventually be a decrease in delinquency.

I do not believe that children are in themselves worse than they were. But I do believe that they have been less well disciplined and that they have a less clear understanding of right and wrong.

The causes of delinquency lie sometimes in the child who may be extremely stupid and, today—as a result of their interrupted education during the war—educationally retarded rather than educationally sub-normal, or very occasionally in a really distorted and amoral mind and personality.

By far the greatest cause is found in children's environment. It is very seldom that a child appears before the Court who comes from a united family where the parents are living happily together, in a district devoid of slums and with adequate space for healthy recreation.

It is very often the unhappy child who comes before the Court. There is no greater cause for unhappiness than to be starved of love in the home.

A large number of children have not had instilled into them in the home a clear moral standard.

Actually the number of delinquent children is extremely small compared with the population, and a very large number come from homes in which other members of the family have been before the courts.

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A GENERAL impression, therefore, is that the majority of delinquent children are from parents who have no idea how to rear them and train them and are too stupid to be likely to learn. The children drag themselves up in the street which is their nursery, and as adolescents have become their playground.

Bored with nothing to do, they commit offences in a spirit of adventure. The competitive spirit and the adventurous spirit are characteristic of the adolescent, and are all to the good so long as they can be directed into good channels, which can be achieved in Youth organisations.

It would seem that there is a real deterioration in self-restraint and self-discipline, and that children and young persons do what they want to get, regardless of the rights of others and the rightness of their actions.

The most effective way of stemming delinquency lies in a good home. Although we need new houses, we need still more homes within the walls of these houses, where the spirit of love and happiness is to be found, and that spirit is the spirit of religion.

Mr Henriques illustrated the weakness of statistics with this story:

He met the headmaster of an East End school. The headmaster proudly told him of the good behaviour of the Jewish boys, who attended his school. But, he confessed, he was worried about crime among the Christian boys in the school. Dolefully he told Henriques: "Fifty per cent. of the Christian boys have been involved in crime in one way or another." Henriques, shocked, asked how many Christian pupils there were.

"Two," replied the headmaster.

C. V. R. THOMPSON REPORTS THE AMERICAN SCENE

Sam's 3d. ale brews trouble

NEW YORK

SAM Atkins, once-obscure New York publican, finds his brave decision to cut the price of beer to 3d a pint is bringing plenty of customers — and much trouble.

First, his brewers would not sell him any more beer. Their reason: 4,000 other customers threatened to stop their orders unless Sam was disciplined for what they called unfair trade practices.

Next, the picketing bartenders' union started picketing Sam's bar and grill because he hires non-union barmaids.

And because of these pickets draymen employed by brewers willing to sell Sam beer will not deliver it.

But Sam will not give up. He says: They think they have me over a barrel, but I'll win yet.

His next step: To get beer dumped on the street and to raise customer volunteers to help roll in the barrels.

CHICAGO TAX OFFICE reported one man sent with his income return one pint of his blood in a bottle.

IN SARATOGA, America's New-market, the terms of the last will and testament of Herbert Wood, ever-hopeful but ever-losing punter, were observed. His ashes were scattered over the home stretch, where he lost so many bets.

ALL DAY New York's parliament discussed a proposal to urge Washington to form a Forty-ninth State of Hyde Park, Roosevelt country estate. Suggested name for the new State: Roosevelt. The plan was shelved when no two could agree where to put the 49th star on America's "Old Glory."

MORE BRITISH clothes are going on American backs this year. Mr G. A. Gidley, merchandising manager for one of the largest stores, told colleagues, on his return to Philadelphia from London, that Britain is regaining world leadership in suits, overcoats, sports clothes, and mackintoshes.

Said he: Last year's things didn't look good. Now I can honestly say I am very optimistic.

His largest purchases in Britain were mackintoshes and a new-style golf jacket.

UNUSUAL DEFENCE, decided on by 27-year-old Judith Coplon, Government employee on trial for trying to sell secrets to Russians, is: "I never intended to sell secret documents. I took material from the files for a book I am writing."

And the book's theme was to have been America's "espionage hysteria"—which caused her arrest.

She sought to justify her action by citing other Government workers who removed private papers from Government files for their books—F. D. R., Harry Hopkins, Treasury boss Morgenthau, and many more.

BUSINESS FIRMS in the U.S. are adopting—a new method of reporting their profits. First they list the total, then the amount they paid the Government in taxes, and finally what the shareholders got. Sample: American Woollen—Profits, 23,082,153 dollars (£5,770,538); taxes, 14,353,580 dollars (£3,588,395); shareholders, 8,728,573 dollars (£2,182,143).

ALONG HAS COME an American mechanical genius to take away one of the chief reasons for golf—exercise. Patents were granted in Washington to a Mr Robert Jackson, of Texas, for his tee-scooter. Built on three wheels and powered by a petrol engine, it is guaranteed to carry the golfer and his clubs from tee to tee.

ANOTHER American highbrow, Dr Oscar Junek, a New York anthropologist, has made his contribution to world peace—let women run the world for the next 1,000 years. Said he: "A man is pugnacious and wants to fight. Women are natural peacemakers. I do not think we would see as many wars."

OCCUPANTS of a nine-storey office building in the heart of Broadway's theatre district went to work on a Monday to find that all 54 offices in the building had been burgled over the weekend. The total haul was £8,000.

FAILURE of a man to cash a one-cent dividend cheque held up settlement of a bankruptcy suit for seven months. The Federal District Court could not close its books on the affairs of a dressmaking firm. So the U.S. Government has now agreed to keep the cent.

SHOW BUSINESS: But Lancaster, who used to be a circus acrobat, is going back to the circus for a month's engagement this summer... Hollywood will advertise Jane Wyman's next film with the catch phrase "Belinda speaks." ...Harpo Marx, who is planning to follow his brother Chico in a visit to Britain, wisecracked, "The British Empire never sets on a Marx."... Gloria Swanson has received a proposal for her sixth marriage.

—(London Express Service)

The Senor who wants to kick us out

BY BERNARD HARRIS

WE all know Havana. It is the place where our cigars used to come from.

But not so many people seem to be aware that Havana is seeking another claim to fame.

It is giving hospitality to some gentlemen who are planning the liquidation of the British Empire.

The fun and games in the Cuban capital are sponsored by a body called the American Committee on Dependent Territories.

Delegates have been sent to its conference from a dozen American republics.

They have set themselves the not unambitious job of deciding how to sever the British, French, and Dutch colonies in America from European influence.

The committee is not yet ready with a report on its deliberations. But it so happens that a pretty good clue has been given to them.

It comes in an article in the Cuban newspaper Diario de la Marina. And it is a prize effort.

The Cuban Government thought it so brilliant that they gave an award to its author, Heriberto Portell Vila.

You can judge just how much he earned that prize from this summary of the Vila plan:—

Canada to become a republic.
Bermuda ceded to the U.S.
Jamaica, the Bahamas, and the Cayman Islands given to Cuba.
Puerto Rico (U.S.) and the Virgin Islands (British) merged into a republic.
British Honduras handed over to Guatemala.
The Leeward Islands and the Windward Islands to become a republic.
Curacao, Aruba, and Bonaire (all Dutch) ceded to Venezuela.
British, French, and Dutch Guiana united in a republic.
The Falkland Islands given to the Argentine.

Senor Vila has overlooked one point. Maybe he did not think it worthy of mention. *What about the feelings of the peoples in the territories he disposes of so light-heartedly?*

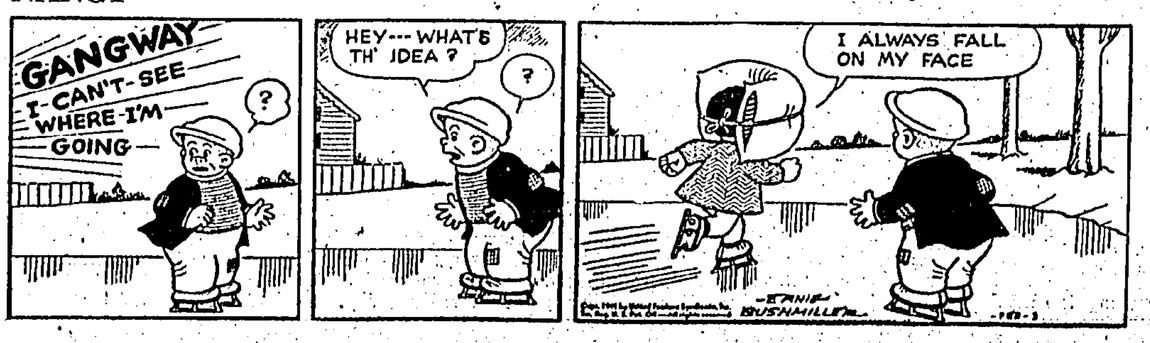
Even Senor Vila must be aware that Munoz Marin was recently elected Governor of Puerto Rico by a huge majority on a policy of maintaining present relationships with the U.S.

And the 40,000 British West Indians living in Cuba have declared that no British subject will have anything to do "with the dictates of the Havana Commission."

Perhaps Senor Vila ought to return that prize.

—(London Express Service).

NANCY — The No Look — By Ernie Bushmiller





"No War With Russia This Year," Says Professor

GIVES LIST OF 20 PREDICTIONS

New Orleans, Apr. 11.—Dr John E. Kieffer, an associate professor of political science at Tulane University who has predicted international events with almost phenomenal accuracy, said he does not expect war with Russia in 1949.

That was one of Dr Kieffer's 20 predictions for this year. He made a similar list of predictions last year and was proved right in 87.5 percent of them. Two of his predictions in 1948 were the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia and the death of Jan Masaryk.

Dr Kieffer, who is 39 and was an infantry colonel in the last war, said there was no mystery about his predictions.

His method, he disclosed, is to: (1) build up an intensified background of the history of governments; (2) subscribe to and read thoroughly the publications distributed by the embassies of various countries, and (3) balance the information.

FELL DOWN OVER ELECTION

Dr Keiffer did not predict the election of President Truman. He said he predicted that a Republican would win, largely because of "wishful thinking."

His 1949 predictions:

1. If American troops are completely withdrawn from southern Korea, the area will be overrun by Communists from North Korea and made part of a Communist state in six months.

2. No satisfactory peace treaty will be achieved for Austria.

3. Russia will increase her demands on Finland and try to drag that nation behind the iron curtain.

4. Marshal Tito will swing into the western orbit.

5. The De Gaullists will increase their power in France at the expense of the Communists and left-wing parties.

6. Norway, Sweden and Denmark will join actively with the western powers in the North Atlantic alliance. When this happens, Russia will absorb Finland politically or militarily and seize Norwegian territories in the north.

7. There will be a Communist spy exposure in the United States which will "dwarf" all previous exposures.

8. Russia and her satellites will conduct an open drive to eradicate all religious forces behind the Iron Curtain.

9. Russia's main effort will shift from western Europe to Scandinavia and the East. Intensified Communist effort, penetration and armed violence may be expected in India, Indo-China, Burma, Siam and Indonesia.

10. The Malan government in South Africa will collapse because of troubles between the Zulus and Indians.

RED MENACE

11. The Communist menace will decline sharply in France and Italy, but increase in the form of underground activities in Spain.

12. "Tolerated parties" and coalition governments will disappear in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Bulgaria. The Communists will appear as the only legal party.

13. Russia will try to annex neighbouring satellites by "admitting" them as Soviet republics.

14. The Communists in China will not establish a government as Communist as Russia would like.

15. The Dutch will not meet the United Nations timetable for granting independence to Indonesia.

16. All attempts to change the Security Council and admit more nations to the UN will fail.

17. The Latin-American scene will be dotted with revolutions.

18. There will be a definite attempt to woo France into the North Atlantic Alliance with economic concessions and considerations.

19. The Berlin crisis will not be solved.

20 There will be no war with Russia in 1949.

Dr Kieffer has declined to predict the date of a war with Russia, although he believes the United States and Soviet will meet some time and fight it out.—United Press.

CROWDS BREAK POLICE CORDON

Brussels, Apr. 11.—Women screamed and many people were slightly injured when crowds broke through a police cordon outside the Royal Palace at Laeken tonight to see 21-year-old Princess Josephine Charlotte, daughter of King Leopold II and the late Queen Astrid.

Over 3,000 people, shouting "King Leopold," waited for hours outside the Palace for the Princess, who is to spend a short holiday with her grandmother, the Queen Mother Elizabeth.—Reuter.

Funds For Atomic Weapons

Washington, Apr. 11.—Increased funds to speed production of atomic weapons were approved today by the House of Representatives' Appropriation Committee.

Although it ordered cuts for other phases of the Atomic Energy Commission's work, the Committee set aside $210,208,675 for atomic bombs and other nuclear weapons compared with $191,293,838 this year.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Since I've got a maid full time, I have more opportunities to think about my symptoms!"



Former Lieut-Gov. of California Ellis Patterson (second from right) and three of his shipmates line the rail of the remodelled landing craft Bolivar as it left Los Angeles for the tiny Cocos Islands in search of buried pirate gold. Patterson returned to report that the leader of the expedition, James A. Forbes, believes he has located the treasure. With Patterson are (L to R) Capt. Charles A. Hale, Edward Patterson and Verner Britton. — AP Picture.

1949 A Year Of Decision: Morrison

Duesseldorf, Apr. 11.—Mr Herbert Morrison, the Lord President of the Council, told a gathering of Burgomasters and high British Zone officials here today that 1949 would be a decisive year for Germany and the world.

The Western world had made agreements for the reconstruction and fusion of Western Europe's economy, the success of which could be seen in the revival of trade especially in Western Germany.

Through Western Union, the political will of Western Europe's peoples would find a stronger expression, Mr Morrison asserted.

The question Germany must decide was whether she would find her unity in Western civilisation or return to dictatorship and a totalitarian regime, he said.

Mr Morrison, who is also Deputy Prime Minister, told his listeners that it was their job to give colour to German democracy. British democracy was colourful and happy, and German democracy also needed colour, romance and poetry, he declared.

He praised the courageous attitude of Berlin's population towards the constant threat facing them. He thought their bearing would help to provide for Germany the conditions for a true democracy, which must be upright and free from corruption —Reuter.

Foo Ping-chang In London

London, Apr 11.—Dr Foo Ping-chang, the Chinese Ambassador in Moscow, who may become China's new Foreign Minister, arrived in London by air from Stockholm this evening. He drove straight to the Chinese Embassy for consultations with the Chinese Ambassador in London, Dr Cheng Tien-hsi.

Dr Foo left Moscow for Stockholm where he spent the weekend at the end of last week on the first stage of his journey back to China. He said in Stockholm that on his arrival in China he will "investigate reports" that he had been offered the post of Chinese Foreign Minister. Dr Foo plans to spend a few days in London before leaving by air for Hongkong.—Reuter.

MEAT SHIPMENTS TO RESUME

Buenos Aires, Apr. 11.—Authoritative quarters said here today that the British reply to the Argentine note of March 31 on the meat question has in effect established a working Agreement of March 31 and a new meat pact now being negotiated.

They said all threats of a suspension of meat shipments to Britain during the current trade talks have been removed.—Reuter.

"We Will Not Take Orders," Says Tito

CHEERED LOUDLY BY PARTY CONGRESS

Belgrade, Apr. 11.—Marshal Tito said today that Yugoslavia would run her own affairs and take orders from nobody.

"Our unity is unshatterable," he said at the close of a three-day meeting of this People's Front Party.

"No difficulties can be so tremendous that we cannot overcome them. This Congress has presented a clear picture of our power and has shown us how we should work, what we must work for and what we must not do.

"We do not have to listen to anyone except the very voice of our people. Do not fear war, because the people will not fight."

Marshal Tito was interrupted nine times during his 10-minute speech by tremendous cheers from the 1,640 delegates to the Party Congress.

Before he spoke, the Congress, in one of a series of resolutions, made a bid for reconciliation with Russia and other Communist Bureau of Information countries, but it was emphasised that any friendship must be on the basis of full equality.

Other resolutions impartially attacked the Cominform for its campaign against Tito and the Western countries for "warmongering."

Marshal Tito told his listeners not to worry because the Cominform countries, as part of their boycott, had failed to deliver promised goods.

Referring to Yugoslavia's rich supplies of metals and timber, he said: "Do not worry, comrades, because we have such pretty things to sell."

The delegates cheered loudly then, and cheered again when Tito said: "Do not worry lest we be involved in a crisis. Yes, we have a crisis, but it is only that we lack sufficient labour to do all the things we are trying to do."—United Press.

Reform Club Meeting

It is announced that the fourth public meeting of the Reform Club of Hongkong will be held at the Gripps, Hongkong Hotel, on Thursday, April 14, at 5.30-p.m. when Messrs C. Loseby and Brooke A. Bernacchi will reply to the speeches of the Hon. D. F. Landale and the Hon. A. Morse dealing with the proposed Municipal Council plan and the need for constitutional reforms.

A feature of the meeting will be a brief summary by Mr F. E. Skinner of the salient points of various schemes, alternative to Government's published plan for the inauguration of the Municipal Council, received from members of the Club and from the public, and following this summary those attending will be asked to submit their views as to the most efficient and equitable method of government for the Colony.

The Reform Club had previously announced its intention of submitting a plan for constitutional reform to Government and, whilst other organisations will undoubtedly do likewise, this is the first occasion upon which any organisation has invited members of the public to avail themselves of the services of an established body in presenting their views to Government. Opinions upon this subject are extremely diverse and a lively and interesting meeting is anticipated.

War Rumours Baseless

Karachi Denial

Karachi, Apr. 11.—A source close to the Pakistan Government tonight dismissed as baseless rumour all talk of a war between Pakistan and Afghanistan because of the tension along the North-West Frontier.

This source said: "None but perverse minds in either country could think of settling problems in terms of war.

"The two countries have to live together as good neighbours and a solution of all their problem lies in friendly discussion.

"The Pathan tribesmen in the North-West Frontier Province have been fired by anti-Pakistan propaganda from Kabul Radio and by a belief that Afghanistan seeks to establish a Communist State in the independent tribal areas.

"An observer just returned from the Dejerat tribal region said gifts of Russian medicines sent to the tribesmen through Afghanistan have been refused by them, because strongly Muslim leaders suspected they contained pig fats."—Reuter.

Thakin Nu At Calcutta

Calcutta, Apr. 11.—The Burmese Premier, Thakin Nu, who arrived here today on his way to New Delhi and Karachi, said that Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, wished to see him before he (Nehru) left for the Dominion Prime Ministers' Conference in London.

(Rangoon observers expected, when the Burmese Premier left Burma earlier today, that he would put his country's views to Pandit Nehru and Liaquat Ali Khan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

(Informed sources expected the question of financial aid for Burma's rice export to be included in the talks).

An announcement from New Delhi last night said the Burmese Premier's visit was in response to Pandit Nehru's "long-standing invitation."

Thakin Nu, who will be the guest of the Governor of West Bengal until he leaves for Delhi tomorrow, told the press that the Burmese Government was confident of suppressing the rebellion in Burma, but added that he could not say how long it would take to bring the situation absolutely under control.

He was not sure whether the Burmese elections could be held in July as scheduled.—Reuter.

Buried Under Tons Of Earth

Paris, Apr. 11—Three workmen were believed killed today when a foundation well collapsed as a lorry passed a building site in Tours, Western France. Four men were buried under tons of earth. One was brought out dead and one badly injured, and there was little hope of getting the remaining two out alive.—Reuter.

Formation Of UN Guard Opposed By Russia

Lake Success, Apr. 11.—The Political Committee, overriding the Soviet bloc's objections, today voted 41 to six, with France, Australia and the Yemen abstaining, to create a special 14-nation commission to investigate and report on the establishment of a United Nations guard.

Russia, Poland, Byelo-Russia, the Ukraine and Czechoslovakia opposed.

The Commission will include the United States, Russia, France, China, Britain, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Pakistan, Sweden and Haiti.

The proposed guard would be a force of between 800 and 5,000 men.

The Soviet delegate, Mr Jacob Malik, said: "It is enough to glance at these proposals to see this is nothing less than a proposal for setting up a special armed force under the Secretary General, and that this is not provided for in the Charter.

"Its political significance boils down to by-passing the Security Council and creating various illegal organs which would have the armed forces at their disposal.

"This is another link in the chain of measures, being built by the United States and United Kingdom, to violate the Charter so that they can use the United Nations for their own interests, which have nothing in common with the United Nations as a whole."

"ILLEGAL PRECEDENT"

Mr Malik criticised the composition of various UN observer teams. He said, for instance, that Palestine observers comprised 90 percent American military men; "and when a stronger force was required, American ships sailing in the Mediterranean were called upon."

This "illegal precedent" violated the United Nations Charter.

The United States delegate, Mr Benjamin Cohen, rejected Mr Malik's accusation that "nations supporting the Secretary General have ulterior motives" and announced American support for the resolution.

The South African delegate, Mr Jan R. Jordan, supported the creation of the special committee but urged caution in approaching the problem and against embarking upon too ambitious a scheme.—United Press.

Child In Well Was Suffocated

San Marino, Calif., Apr. 11.—David and Alice Fiscus today completed arrangements for the funeral of their three-year-old daughter Kathy and then went into seclusion from the shock of her entombment.

Dr Harry Deftych, county autopsy surgeon, announced that an autopsy showed Kathy died of suffocation about two hours after she fell in the abandoned well last Friday. He performed the autopsy in the presence of the Fiscus' family doctor, Paul Hanson.

It was at first believed Kathy had drowned.

A service for the golden-haired child, whose trapping had set off Southern California's greatest rescue operation and captured the imagination and sympathy of the world, will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday.—United Press.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Photographic Salon

Sir, — The Twickenham Photographic Society is holding an International Salon in July and has asked for six representative prints from China. The Hongkong Photographic Society is asking members of the Public to submit their best single entry to the Secretary, c/o Francis Wu's Studio on or before Monday, April 18, 1949, from which the six best prints will be chosen for submission to the Twickenham Salon. All prints entered should be clearly marked "Entry for Twickenham Photographic Society Salon 1949" with the name and address of the entrant.

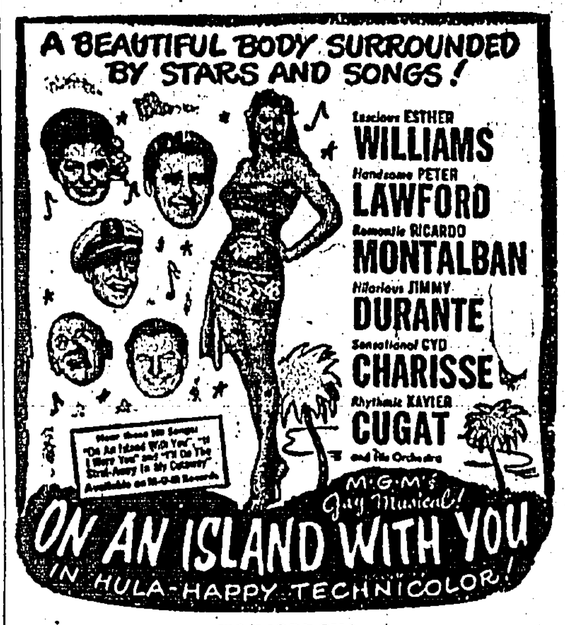
DAVID COHEN.
Hon. Secretary.

Smuggling Charges Withdrawn

Duesseldorf, Apr. 11. — Charges against four Germans of smuggling steel goods into the Soviet Zone were withdrawn in a British court here today. The steel smuggling case had been adjourned 11 times to enable the prosecution to make further investigations.

The four accused, Hans Caesar, Heinrich Brandes, Hugo Bonnacker and Heinrich Baldus, were all released. No reason was given for the withdrawal of the prosecutions. It had been alleged that silk stockings and other textiles had been imported from the Russian Zone.—Reuter.

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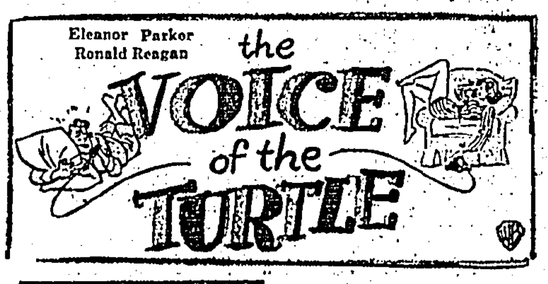


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Malta Paper Back On Streets

Valetta, Malta, Apr. 11.—The English language newspaper, the Bulletin, suspended when its editor refused to pay a deposit of £200 into the Malta Treasury, re-appeared on the streets of Malta today after the London Daily Press had paid the deposit.

Mr Joseph James Scorey, editor and owner of the Bulletin, was charged in October last with libelling the Governor of Malta, Sir Francis Douglas, and was ordered to pay $12 fine and suspend his newspapir for four days.

When the Bulletin resumed publication, the police advised Mr Scorey that this was illegal as a suspended newspaper, under the Malta Press Order of 1940, could not resume publication uhtil a surety of £200 has been deposited.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

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6.00, Programme Summary; 6.01, Children's Half Hour; "Peter and the Wolf", Orchestral Fairy Tale.—Boston Sym. Orch. Narrator: Richard Hale; 6.30, Cantonese by Radio, Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan & S. K. Lee (Studio); 6.50, The Radio Revellers; 7.00, American Letter by Alistair Cooke (London Relay); 7.15, Music from Hawaii; 7.30, "Down Memory Lane" Presented by Aileen Woods (Studio); 8.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 8.15, "Meet the Paragons" (Studio); 8.30, A Light Spanish Programme; 9.00, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 9.10, Interlude; 9.15, "Brains Trust" (BBCTS); Guests: Lord Samuel; Miss Dilys Powell—Lord Russell. Question Master: Gilbert Harding; 9.45, Chamber Music Recital.—"Sonatas" Handel; Sonata in D Major. Szymon Goldberg (Violin) Gerald Moore. (Piano) Rubbra Boner's No 2 Op 31. Albert Sammons (Violin) Gerald Moore (Piano); 10.15, "Commoner Cavalcade" Music of "Fats" Waller. (ORBS) Benny Lee, Bette Roberts, Matt Helt and Anton and His Orch.; 10.45, "Old Time" Excuse Me Dances . . . Harry Davidson and His Orch.; 11.00, Radio Newsreel (London Relay); 11.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

Year's Surprise Team Is Leicester City

By PETER DITTON

Leicester City will not have to win the Cup Final at Wembley on April 30 to become the most talked-about English soccer team of the year. They are already. More than that, they have fulfilled the phophecy made two years ago by Johnny Duncan when he went to Leicester to take over as team manager. His actual words on that occasion were: "I am going to put Leicester City top of the football world. And if I find the task too big for me, I shall not wait for the directors to criticise me.. I shall walk out."

That was a bold statement. But Johnny Duncan, former Scottish International half-back and captain of Leicester in the 1920's has no need to regret his words. He has done a magnificent job. Leicester may be near the foot of the Second Division table, but they play grand football and their fast-moving, sharp-shooting forward line is second to none in the country.

ALL CREDIT

Yes, all 'credit' is due to Johnny Duncan. He has put Leicester on top of the football world. But at the same time, one cannot forget the wonderful part played by two other men, Tom Bromilow, now manager of Newport County, and Jack Butler, who holds a similar position with Crystal Palace.

Bromilow, former Liverpool International, was manager of Leicester during the war years and Butler, the ex-Arsenal centre-half, was his chief assistant. Between them they found nearly half the present Leicester side, including the three players who are considered certain to gain England 'caps' in the near future: Don Revie, inside-right, Jack Lee, centre-forward, and Walter Harrison, right-half.

Bromilow considered Lee at the age of 16 or 17 to be the greatest boy centre-forward he had ever seen. "This boy has only to quicken on the turn and he must one day play for England", he told me. But when Lee returned to Leicester after his war service it seemed as if that was one prophecy which was not to be fulfilled. Partly a the result of cartilage trouble, the player had slowed down considerably. Many doubted his ability ever to become a top class centre-forward.

The one man who had no such doubts was Bromilow. He knew it was only a passing phase and that Lee would eventually recover his speed. And he did. He has also mastered the art of quickening on the turn—just ask Flewin the Portsmouth centre-half—and on his present form he cannot be kept out of the England team much longer.

DISCOVERED LAWTON

And talking of centre-forwards it is perhaps interesting to note that Bromilow was the man who set Tommy Lawton on the road to fame. Bromilow was manager of Burnley at the time and after keeping a watchful eye on Lawton for some months, he signed him on as soon as he was old enough to turn professional. The story of Lawton's great achievements does not need recalling.

But no story of Leicester City would be complete without mention of Sep Smith—a man who gave his whole-hearted service to the club and to the game he loved.

Until the beginning of this season Sep had played regularly for Leicester for nearly 20 years, firstly as a wing-half and later as centre-half. During that time he was 'capped' for England and he was also elected captain of the club. But Sep had one more ambition. He wanted to get an F. A. Cup winner's medal. Each year as Leicester were knocked out of the competition, he saw his dream shattered.

At the beginning of this season Sep decided it was about time he retired from playing first-class football. His appearances became less and less frequent, and more of his time was spent in coaching young players on Leicester's books.

It was just bad luck that this year—for the first time ever—Leicester should get to Wembley and Sep should not be a regular member of the side. But Sep does not consider it bad luck.

He is delighted and when the Cup Final dawns he will be there to cheer his team. And when the match is over—whether Leicester win or lose—you can bet that among the first to congratulate Plummer, the new Leicester centre-half and captain, will be Septimus Smith.

—*(London Express Service).*

HANDS UP AT HIGHBURY



The Arsenal goalkeeper (right) prepares to defend, as his teammate (centre) and a Preston North End opponent battle for the ball, at Highbury.

JOHN MACADAM'S COLUMN

A NICE CROP OF CHARACTERS

The hegira of Macadam that took in such far-distant provinces in the past week as Glasgow, Liverpool, Aintree, Manchester, Sheffield, and London, produced as nice a crop of characters as you could wish for.

In Glasgow, there was Willie Maley, fabulous former manager of Glasgow Celtic, who is 81, newly recovered from a serious illness and as hale as he was when he was conducting the best side in Britain.

Willie was at one of the first of the inter-League internationals I ever saw, and he could sit there and reel off the names of the player as if the match took place yesterday. Quality footballers? He doesn't see many of them around.

In Liverpool there was Johnny Best plotting away to find the boxers of the future, as, for more than 40 years, he has been finding the boxers of the past and the present.

What a cavalcade it is! Jimmy Walsh, Nel Tarleton, Peter Kane, Ernie Roderick, champions every one of them, and now Stan Rowan.

CARRYING ON

While young Johnny Best was away at the war, Johnny Senior carried on by himself at Liverpool Stadium and at Blackpool, and many a time he found himself standing at the top of mineshafts grabbing colliers as they came out of the cage to make up his bills.

There aren't many promoters like the Bests around the country, and Jackie Paterson is wise in his decision to model himself on the Liverpool gang in a Glasgow venture.

With his manager, Pat Collins, Jackie and his wife—who considered at one time making a bid for the Rowan fight—will set up in Glasgow and give that city the settled promotional policy it has always needed. Good luck to him!

In Liverpool, too, there was Devon's pride, Lord Mildmay—a few hours removed from his toss and talking happily with friends about his prospects on Cromwell as if steeplechasing were a secure form of snakes and ladders—and a host of international characters the like of whom you do not see at any other time of the year than Grand National week.

At Manchester's Belle Vue, there was the remarkable Miss A. S. Hart ("I'm no glamorous blonde," she says) getting ready to launch her speedway season—truly one of sport's more remarkable personalities.

OLD-TIMERS

Miss Hart is a business woman, came into the Belle Vue organisation, and now, in that welter of merry-go-rounds, fighters, and monkeys, manages the tough speedway teams with a full knowledge of the business from a de-coke to foot-forward and foot-drag.

She has 12 retained riders and a great affection for such old-timers as Frank Varey, now managing Sheffield in her place, and the indestructible Johnny Hoskins, who left Odsell to make room for another of them, Eric Langton.

At Sheffield, there was another Wembley Wizards' meeting between Alex James and Jimmy McMullan to prompt the question: Why is Jimmy McMullan, as great a gentleman and as shrewd a judge of a player as ever he was, doing an office job outside the game?

He coaches boys from his factory for an hour a day and never misses a Saturday match. Some club ought to get hold of him. Soccer brains don't come this way so often—as you can see by watching many sides playing today.

—*(London Express Service).*

HAL BOYLE TELLS HOW HIS BECAME

A Million Dollars In Boxing Gloves

New York, Apr. 11.—Nobody in the boxing game today can lay a glove on battling Jack Golomb, age 56, weight 125.

But many a ring champion in the last 38 years has gone down from the crashing impact of Golomb's own flying gloves.

These were: Jess Willard, Jack Dempsey, Barney Ross, Max Bear, Henry Armstrong, Gene Tunney, Primo Carnera—yes, even Joe Louis.



This would give Golomb the mightiest record in ring history except for the fact that in none of these memorable fights were Jack's own fists in his gloves.

He merely made the gloves and sold them. Long ago the little Latvian immigrant decided that, for him at least, there was more money in putting boxing gloves on other people's fists than on his own.

Golomb reached this decision as a 90-pound kid after fighting four times as an amateur.

Today he claims 95 percent of all modern champions have trained or fought with his gloves. And he built a US$1,000,000 a year sports equipment business from a five dollar investment. He got the five dollars from his father in 1910. He haunted gyms, gave his early gloves away to get prominent boxers to use them.

The gloves of 40 years ago have graduated to an intricate tool requiring 25 operations to manufacture. It is stuffed with goat, lamb, horse or hog hair and contains 12 different pieces of leather.

Jack says fighters now are particular about their gloves, and many want them made to order.

"Carnera had to be a special job because of the size of his hands," he recalled, "Tunney had a brittle hand. We had to build him a special training glove with a rubber sponge across the knuckles. Joe Louis has a longer thumb on his right hand than on his left."—Associated Press.

Referees Accept By-Laws

The by-laws to form a Referee Examination Board recently passed by the Hongkong Football Association were accepted by the Referees Association at a meeting last night.

The chief points in the by-laws concerned the examination of referees according to the recognised standard of the Football Association; to recommend further promotion according to examination and to report periodically the efficiency or otherwise of practising referees and to advise the Council accordingly; and to be responsible for running referee courses in order to train potential officials.

On the suggestion of Mr Jack Ward, the upgrading of referees according to examination and length of service was amended to upgrading and degrading according to examination no matter how long the length of service is.

On the question of examining referees' certificates, Mr Lai Duen-po disclosed that referees in the Colony did not hold any certificate at all although they had been examined and qualified. The only credential they had at the present was an entrance card.

Another member said that the entrance card, though having no resemblance of a credential, was tantamount to a recognition of the qualification of a referee.

The next meeting of the Association was fixed for 7.30 p.m., April 25.

FIXTURE CHANGES

The following changes in the H.K.F.A. soccer fixtures are notified:

To-day

K.M.B. v Navy, Boundary, 5.30 p.m., postponed; Tramways v P.C.A., from Club ground to Caroline Hill ground at 5.45 p.m.

Thursday

P.C.A. v Police, from Club ground to Caroline Hill ground at 5.45 p.m.

BADMINTON

OOI BEATS SKAARUP OF DENMARK

Copenhagen, Apr. 11.—Ooi Teik-hock, of Malaya, beat Joern Skaarup, of Denmark, 15-3, 15-6 in the first singles match of the badminton tournament between the two countries here tonight.

Wong Peng-soon (Malaya) beat Mogens Felsby (Denmark) 17-14, 15-8 in the second singles.

Ooi was an easy winner, placing his shots superbly, while the Dane often hit the shuttle out.

Wong eased up after taking a commanding lead in both games, and had to fight hard in each after Felsby had rallied. His powerful backhand was an important factor in his victory.

Felsby levelled at 14-all in the first game, but Wong won the next three points for the game. In the second game the Malayan led 10-1. The Dane rallied to trail 8-11, but Wong came back again, taking the next four points for the match.

Other results were: Tage Madsen beat Law Teik-hock 9-15, 15-11, 15-8; Chan Kon-leong and Yeoh Teck-chye beat Skaarup and Cabelsteen 15-9, 15-3. Wong Peng-soon and Law Teik-hock beat Holm and Felsby 15-2, 16-17, 15-10.—Reuter.

FIRST ON THE ICE

Moscow Mar. 24.—The newspaper Leningrad Pravda, said today that the Americans shamelessly stole from the Russians the credit for the first World Ice-skating Championship.

The newspaper's assertion was another in the series of claims that Russians were first in various fields of world development.

In an article in the Leningrad Pravda, N. Panin, sports teacher and holder of the title "Merited Sports Master of the USSR," wrote that the Russian lawyer, A. P. Lebedev, won the world figure skating championship in a tournament held in St. Petersburg in the year 1890. Panin claimed that Lebedev beat the American champion, Louis Rubenstein, "who received a gold medal but one of a smaller size than Lebedev's."

The article went on to claim that in the book by the American champion, Irving Brokaw, "The Art of Skating," written in 1910, credit was duly given to Lebedev, but that the new edition of this book, published in 1926, said Rubenstein won the championship in 1890.

This impudent lie was recently repeated in the American Sports Encyclopaedia, 1944 edition," Panin said.—United Press.

BROMWICH KEEPS HIS RANKING

Melbourne, Apr. 11.—John Bromwich is named as Australia's No. 1 in the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia rankings, it was announced today.

Mrs Nancye Bolton is ranked No. 1 among the women.

The full rankings, in order, are:

Men:—John Bromwich, Bill Sidwell, Frank Sedgeman, Geoff Brown, Adrian Quist, George Worthington, Colin Long, Bob McCarthy, Ken McGregor and Tom Warhurst.

Women:—Mrs Nancye Bolton, Mrs Thelma Long, Miss Joyce Fitch, Mrs Hawton, Miss Marie Toomey, Mrs J. Young, Miss Esme Ashford, Mrs Alison Baker, Mrs Harry Hopman and Mrs Max Newcombe.—Reuter.

Club To Honour Fallen Members

The names of 46 members of the Hongkong Football Club who lost their lives during the war will be commemorated on a marble tablet shortly to be unveiled.

The tablet will occupy a prominent position in the clubhouse at Happy Valley. It is expected that the unveiling ceremony will take place next week.

Inscribed on the tablet are the names of the following: W. L. Alexander, G. Ainslie, C. Austin, A. Bone, L. C. Baker, E. A. Bompas, A. C. I. Bowker, C. K. Chadwick, O. Eager, D. Edmondson, H. R. Forsyth, L. J. A. Fielden, A. G. Gratton, W. J. Gilmore, E. A. Gaubert, Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, H. Kew, G. T. Harrington, G. Hailey, B. M. Hynes, C. J. Lodge, E. L. Lammert, D. M. McGill, Dr H Moore, E. A. Matthews, W. Pryde, J. C. Polson, K. S. Morrison, W. E. Peers, E. G. Post, J. Stirling-Lee, G. S. Rodgers, G. F. Swettenham, L. D. Skinner, G. Stone, D. G. Stokes, G. Stopani-Thompson. H. Van Leeuwan, J. P. Whitham, V. R. Gordon, P. Winter-Blyth, P. B. Wilson, A. Watson, A. F. Walkden, L. M. Wylie and D. Gow.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES

London, Apr. 11.—The results of football games played today were:

Second Division

Sheffield W.	0	Leicester C.	1

Scottish "A" Division

Dundee	3	Celtic	2

Friendly

Bournemouth	2	Q. of the S.	0

—Reuter.

Rugby Results

London, Apr. 11.—Results of rugby games played today were:

Rugby		Union	
Cross Keys	3	Pontypool	3
Mountain A.	6	Abertillery	8
P. & N.	3	Cardiff	16
Redruth	13	Maesteg	11
Rugby		**League**	
Bradford N.	13	Keighley	0
Hunslet	7	Wigan	6
Swinton	7	Belle V. R.	0
W. Town	21	Barrow	2
Oldham	0	Halifax	0

—Reuter.

CLAYTON RETAINS TITLES

Nottingham, Apr. 11.—Ronnie Clayton, the 26-year-old Blackpool boxer, retained his British and British Empire featherweight titles with a clear points victory against Johnny Molloy, of St Helen's, Lancashire, here tonight.

Apart from a few of the early rounds, when Molloy appeared quite confident, Clayton did nearly all of the forcing. It was his right hand which paved the way for victory.

He dropped Molloy for a count of eight in the second round with a beautifully timed right hook to the jaw, and with another smashing right to the jaw in the sixth round he put the challenger down for nine. After that he was well on top.

It ssems likely that Clayton will now fight either Tony Lombard, the South African champion, for the Empire title, or Al Phillips, the London featherweight.—Reuter.

30-NATION LINGEAD

BRITAIN'S TEAM OF 700

Seven hundred physical training experts, gymnasts and members of keep-fit classes from all parts of the country will shortly be chosen to represent Britain in a 30-nations gymnastic get-together in Stockholm next July.

They will be Britain's team for the Lingead, the Olympic Games of the gymnastic world, which is held once in 10 years to commemorate Henry Ling, founder of the cult.

Assessors appointed by the Ling Physical Education Association will tour Britain next month to pick representatives from PT organisations and classes.

The gymnasts chosen will practise in small groups throughout the winter, and mass rehearsals will be held in four or five big cities next spring.

In the final 700 men, women and children will take part.

The Lingead will be followed by a week's International Course at which experts from all over the world will exchange ideas on PT teaching.

The last Lingead was held in 1939, when 37 nations sent display teams.

J.M. TAN'S SUCCESS AT FANLING

There was a big entry for the Stableford Competition played over the week-end at Fanling and it was won by J. M. Tan with a total of 38 points. Runners-up were M. D. Cooper and L. Jackson with 36.

Two more matches were played in the G. M. Young Cup, the Asiatic Petroleum Co. beating Dodwell & Co. by 5 points to 3 and the H.K. & S'hai Bank beating Jardine, Matheson & Co. by the narrow margin of six holes being all square on points.

Members wishing to enter for the Shanghai Visitors' Cup next Sunday who have not put their names on any of the lists in the clubhouses or the Hongkong Club are requested to inform the Secretary by 10 a.m. on Thursday after which time no further entries can be received.

Starting times for the Shanghai Visitors' Cup will be published on Friday also ordinary starting times for Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Provided there are sufficient numbers Friday's starting times will be in Thursday's papers.

Bogey and Medal pools will be held on both courses on all four days of the Easter holiday.

Young Girl's Pool Win

Milan, Apr. 11.—A 12-year-old girl, Annunciata Marchesi, won 25,000,000 lire (about £12,500) in last week's Italian football pools, it was announced here today.

She won the prize for an outlay of 50 lire (about sixpence). She is a member of a large family working a dairy farm on the outskirts of Milan.—Reuter.

DELAYED IN POST

West Bridgford, Notts. Apr. 11.—A man who missed a £26,750 prize in a football pool competition because his correct entry was caught in the folds of a parcel and delayed, has been told by the Post office: "We trust you will have no cause for future complaint."

All that Mr Lucian de Pontino, the unlucky competitor, received for his one-in-a-million correct forecast was a photographic copy of his envelope bearing the postmark of the day before the matches were played, March 13, and an endorsement saying: "Found in parcel, March 21."—Reuter.

Denis Compton Honoured

London, Apr. 10.—Denis Compton, England Cricketer recently returned from South Africa, and Mr P. Rudd, one of the best known sports editors in London journalism, were jointly honoured at a dinner given by the London Press Club. Among the personalities present were George Mann, who captained England in South Africa, and W. A. Hadlee, who leads New Zealand in the coming season's tour of England.—Reuter.

Duchess Gives Tennis Cup

London, Apr. 10.—Strange as it may seem, there has never been a challenge cup for the women's doubles championship at Wimbledon, although winners receive medals.

The Duchess of Kent has now presented a cup to the All-England Club and will be known as the Duchess of Kent Cup, to be held by the winners of the women's doubles.

The men's singles carries the Royal Challenge Cup presented by the late King George V, presented when he was Prince of Wales.—Reuter.

CALLOVER WAS QUIET

London, Apr. 11.—Only Abernant and Star King were backed for the Two Thousand Guineas when the card was called over at the Victoria Club here tonight.

Layers offered 7 to 4 against Abernant, 7 to 2 Star King and 10 to 1 bar two.

Lord Derby's Swallow Tail was made favourite for the Derby at 10 to 1. He was the only one backed for the Epsom classic, 100 to 8 bar one being offered at the close.

The callover, the first on the two races, was one of the quietest in the history of the Victoria Club. There has been little winter wagering on either of the two races.—Reuter.

Handicaps For Easter Race Meet

Handicaps for the Easter Race Meeting of April 16 and 18 are given below:

First Day

3. Mongkoktsui Handicap, Class 2, 1 Mile, 1949 Ponies.—Airs and Graces 142; Amarant 147; Fairy Feet 154; Gypsy Girl 142; Home Builder 137; Jeep Hee 142; Lady Gloucester 151; Liberty Ship 137; My Love 159; Oakland Bridge 139; Pay Day 145; Shun Fung 147.

4. Taikoktsui Handicap, (1st Sec.), 6 Furlongs, Class 4, 1949 Ponies.—Barbarian 152; Easy-going 150; Empress Delight 153; First Alarm 147; Maniac 148; Mastery 147; Shun Lee 155; Silver Spear 136.

5. Tai Hang Handicap, (1st Sec.), 1¼ Miles, Class 2, Old Ponies.—Ascot Beauty 142; Dominion Day 157; Flying Arrow 135; Jeep Lee 148; Lucky Strike 147; Meteorologist 135; Shannon 152.

9. Aplichau Handicap, Class 5, 1 Mile, 1949 Ponies.—Amazing 149; Dig'empots 159; Double Coin 140; Hongkong Suttee 150; Jasmin 147; Jennifer 149; Madame Butterfly 147; Penforce 137; Powerhouse 135; Sparkling Eyes 147; Sportsmaster 147; Trigger 139.

10. Tai Hang Handicap, (2nd Sec.), 1¼ Miles, Class 2, Old Ponies.—Cooper 147; Lily 156; Pearl Diver 141; Pleasant Valley 147; Rose Emma 149; Sunlight 135; Sunshine 142; V-J Day 139.

11. Taikoktsui Handicap, (2nd Sec.), 6 Furlongs,—Class 4, 1949 Ponies.—Daylight 140; Bitter Sweet 140; Lucky Jane 142; Nervous Witness 143; Poker Face 144; Ringmer 141; Rowanglen 150; Top Hat 143; World Peace 150.

Second Day

3. Shaukiwan Handicap, (1st Sec.), From 2 M.P., Class 4, Old Ponies.—Anyway 155; Argentine Moon 142; Boom Town 149; Cassie, 135; Golden Wheel 147; Justice of Peace 147; Prince Delight 150; Sugarfoot 145; The Chief 147; Tripoli 149.

4. Ha Man Tin Handicap, Class 3, 1 Mile, 1949 Ponies.—Florella 152; Foyle 147; Lucky Starter 147; Pegasus 152; Popularity 146; Probability 152; Roue d'or 145; Southeast Wind 154; Sparkling Star 150; V.I.P. 150.

5. Saiwanho Handicap, (1st Sec.), 1¼ Miles, Class 3, Old Ponies.—Blue Sky 140; Bootsie 155; Chief Pilot 150; Desire 155; Heroic Lassie 146; King of Peace 159; Liberation Star 145; Lill Marlene 159; Masterpiece 154; Two Bid, 147.

10. Saiwanho Handicap, (2nd Sec.), 1¼ Miles, Class 3, Old Ponies.—Beckenham 147; Crown Witness 152; D Day 151; Good Ship 142; Hurricane 151; Jeep Ship 150; Kentucky Moon 159; Miss Jan 136; Noonday Sun 156; Peggy 152; Rebel 143.

12. Shaukiwan Handicap, (2nd Sec.), From 2 M.P., Class 4, Old Ponies.—Avalon 140; Big Shot 147; Flying Jib 154; Golden Dragon 140; Lena 159; Member 149; Seafire 132; Spanish Onion 135; The Dingo 147; Thunderbolt 158.

Mister Conquest

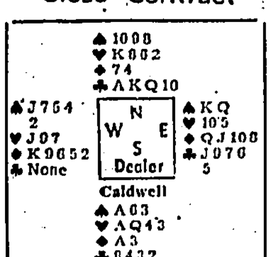


—*(London Express Service).*

• FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

• McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

End-Play Brings In Close Contract



Tournament—Neither vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening—♦ 5 1

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

THEY must play a lot of bridge in St. Paul, Minn. Hardly a day goes by that I do not receive a letter from somebody there, asking me to attend the St. Paul Winter Carnival bridge tournament. Of course, every time they write, they send along a good bridge hand.

Today's hand was played by Curt Caldwell of St. Paul. He is the outstanding tournament director of the northwest and will assist in the direction of the Winter Carnival tournament. He runs two tournaments a week in St. Paul, directs the Breezy Point sectional championships and others. He serves on the board of directors of the Minnesota bridge unit and the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press Grand Slam Club. In private life he is an engineer with the telephone company.

Like most good tournament directors, Caldwell can play a hand well when he gets time to play. Sitting South in today's hand, he won the opening lead of the five of diamonds with the ace and took three rounds of trumps. Hoping for a club break, he led the deuce of clubs, but West showed out. Dummy's queen won the trick and the ten of spades was led back. East put on the queen, Caldwell won and led a small spade.

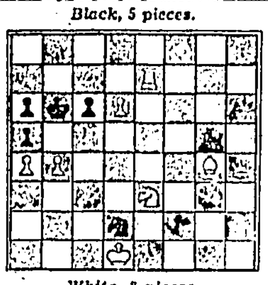
If West had made the mistake of jumping up with the jack of spades, Caldwell would have had no further trouble. But West played low and East won the trick with the king of spades, then led the queen of diamonds.

West made a nice defensive play by overtaking the queen with the king. This allowed him to cash the jack of spades, but now he was end-played. Regardless of what he led, a spade or a diamond, Caldwell could ruff in one hand and discard the losing club from the other.

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. F. E. FLATAU

Black, 5 pieces.



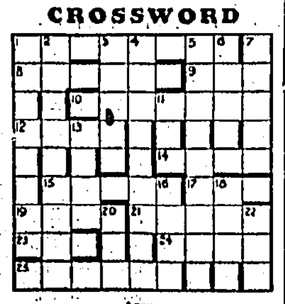
White, 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, B—Kt2, any; 2, R (dis ch, or dbl ch), Kt, or P (=Q, or R) mates.

CROSSWORD



Across

1 and 6. No charge. (7, 5)
8. A tramp to make known. (6)
9. At the end of the mere. (3)
10. This is a passing over. (7)
12. The outstanding part of goodness. (4)
14. Only half a courtier. (4)
16. Insinuate contempt. (5)
17. This day is only half spent. (3)
18. In front of the sight board. (4)
21 and 22. To me son for a change. (7)
23. See 1 Down.
24. This date is before true time. (4)
25. Mean. (6)

Down

1 and 23. Not, as you may suppose a place to see fighting. (7-5)
2. One way that Simon gets in the mire. (9)
3. Stern. (5)
4. Not a barrow-boy but a follower of William III. (9)
5. Evidence. (9)
6. See 1 Across.
7. When he's out it's exhausted. (5)
11. It's used to bolting. (3)
13. Ditty. (4)
15. May be the way home. (4)
18. Enter. (4)
20. Got thee hence! (3)
22. See 21 Across.

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1 and 5, Chewing-gum. 7, And. 9, Old World. 10, Mince. 12, Per. 13, Mime. 14, Rabble. 19, Ruler. 18, Cart. 19, Side. 21, Ordain. 22, Odd. 24, Gem. 25, Ankle. 26, Rented. Down: Gone-hooks. 2, Zeke. 3, Impartial. 4, Nimbus. 5, See 1 Across. 6, Use. 8, Lethargy. 9, See 7 Across. 11, Nibble. 15, Erer. 16, Order. 20, Dale. 23, Bed.

DUMB-BELLS



Check Your Knowledge

1. Name an ancient and still the poetic name for Ireland.
2. Name the famous mountain in the harbour of Rio de Janeiro.
3. Name the founder of the Order of Jesuits.
4. What name is given to the colourless liquid part of the blood?
5. What is the difference between an evergreen and a deciduous tree?
6. What is the plural of mongoose?

(Answers in Column 4)

SCIENCE AT WORK

COSMIC DEATH TRAP TEN MILES ABOVE

By PAUL F. ELLIS

MAN and his moon space ship—if he ever gets one built—will have to reckon with a layer of lethal cosmic radiation about 10 miles from the earth.

It is at that distance, according to scientists at the California Institute of Technology, where the intensity of the mysterious cosmic radiation reaches its maximum. The cosmic rays, which come from far out in space, bombard the earth from all directions and "charge" the atmosphere by colliding with atoms of oxygen or other elements. They travel just under the speed of light, which is about 186,000 miles a second.

Cal Tech scientists have been pioneers in the study of cosmic radiation. It is one the big mysteries for the men who rip the skin, or electrons, off atoms and pry into the core where they find other particles, such as the proton and the neutron.

What holds those protons and neutrons together is another mystery. When they are split, such as in the atomic bomb, enormous amounts of energy are released. Thus scientists want to learn what holds them together in the first place, as they do not have an electrical attraction for each other.

It is here that cosmic radiation comes into the picture. In the studies, at least two types of cosmic particles—both of them called mesons, but with different weight—have been found in cosmic radiation.

The mesons have an extremely short life. The primary meson lasts only 100th of a millionth of a second, and "decays" in that "short period" of time into a lighter meson, which lives just one one-hundred millionth of a second. There has been some evidence that the second meson changes into an electron, which is part of the atoms of all material things. On that basis, cosmic radiation actually adds to the mass of the earth, as electrons are matter.

Maximum Intensity

The studies, according to Cal Tech, give some indication that cosmic radiation has a relation to the forces that hold the atom together. Some scientists believe it is the answer.

For years, cosmic ray experts have been sending balloons to high altitudes, have been climbing high mountains, and are now sending rockets to great heights to study cosmic radiation. Studies have shown that at this latitude the maximum intensity is about 70,000 feet, and that the average height may be at 50,000 feet or about 10 miles.

Cosmic radiation is penetrating, reaching even into deep coal mines or caves. Man, taking a space ship through a lethal layer of cosmic radiation, might walk into a "cosmic death trap" unless ample protection from the rays was available. Rockets have been sent through the lethal layer, but have been exposed only a few seconds.—United Press.

(Tomorrow—Book Parade)

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE Answers

1. Erin. 2. Sugar Loaf Mountain. 3. Ignatius de Loyola. 4. Plasma. 5. A deciduous tree, unlike an evergreen, sheds its leaves at maturity and at certain seasons. 6. Mongooses.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Farmer Was Very Worried

—He Thought the Moon Was Stuck in a Tree—

By MAX TRELL

"ONCE upon a time," Ting-a-Ling was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "a very strange thing happened. It happened in a little land far, far away from here. What happened was this. One night, as a farmer was driving home his cows, he noticed a curious light shining among the trees and when he went closer to see what this light might be—for it was exceedingly bright and filled the whole woods with a silvery glow—he discovered to his astonishment that it was the moon which seemed to have been caught in the tangle of branches. It could move neither up nor down. It was held fast, like a great shining ball.

"My goodness!" exclaimed Hanid. "How could a thing like that happen to the moon?"

Ting-a-Ling smiled. "I'm sure it doesn't often happen, but it did in this far-away land. Well, when the farmer saw the moon caught in the branches, he rushed home to tell his wife, forgetting all about his cows."

Saw It Himself

"'Wife' he cried. 'The moon is caught in the branches of the trees not far from where our cows graze. I saw it with my own eyes. It looks like a great big silvery ball. We have only to shake the tree to make it fall. Pray, get a very large blanket that we may catch it and bring it to the king, who will surely give us a great reward!'

"At this," continued Ting-a-Ling, "the farmer's wife searched for a large blanket but not finding one large enough to catch the moon in, she ran off to the nearest neighbour.

"'My husband,' she exclaimed, 'has seen the moon which seemed caught in the branches of a tree. If we catch it in a large blanket, we can bring it to the king and he will give us a great sum of gold.'



The farmer was alarmed when he saw the moon.

"But," said Ting-a-Ling, "the neighbour could not find a blanket large enough to catch the moon in either. So the farmer's wife and the neighbour rushed from house to house all through the village, seeking a blanket large enough to catch the moon in so as to bring it to the king and collect the reward he would surely give to have so precious an object.

"Finally it was decided to sew all the blankets together and with this the farmer and his wife and the neighbour and all the villagers started out for the place in the woods where the farmer had seen the moon caught in the branches of the trees."

"And did they find the moon and shake it down into their blanket?" Knarf asked.

Ting-a-Ling shook his head. "When they reached the spot, they saw that a dreadful thing had happened. The cows, which the farmer had left when he rushed home, had pushed against the trees and had shaken the moon down, and there they were at this moment, pushing it down the road with their noses, right to the edge of the steep hill that led down to the river. In vain did the farmer shout to the cows to stop. They pushed it along even faster until suddenly down the hill it went, bounding and bouncing like a great silver ball. Then, all at once, it hit a rock at the edge of the river and broke into a million, tinkly pieces."

Still In The Sky

Ting-a-Ling paused.

"But the moon is still in the sky, Ting-a-Ling!" said Hanid.

"Yes," said Ting-a-Ling. "Some of the pieces flew back into the sky and formed a new moon, though a much smaller one than it had been before."

"And what happened to the other pieces?" Knarf asked.

"They fell into the river," answered Ting-a-Ling. "Then they floated out into the ocean and then to all the rivers and lakes and ponds and brooks all over the world. If you look, you can see them shining there still. And that's how they got there in the first place, in that far, far away land."

Rupert & the live toys—3



Full of his new plans Rupert carries his heavy basket as fast as he can towards his cottage. When he is halfway home a little noise makes him pause. High in the blue sky there is a dark speck which rapidly draws nearer, gliding and swooping. Then it flashes over his head and disappears, but he has already seen it clearly. "Why, that is one of Santa Claus's toy planes!" he breathes. "And that was the Golliwog sitting in it. Oh, dear, here's another mystery! Why has he come this way?"

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"SHE complained," says my paper, "that he used the language of the boilerhouse to her." He probably called her a hand-fired draught furnace of closed fronts and trunking connected with a brick conduit under the footplates on the contra flow principle of nutted throat-plates on a stayhead of seamless nickel for wetback double-flow and multi-drum evaporation for hot flue gases cooled in a Yatfield - Bowden cross-vapour cooler. Then, softening somewhat, he whispered, "My sweet little Weidner box-clamp!" Then, losing his temper again, "You flat-nosed pneumatic hammer with tapping attachment and riveted rotor-axles."

A letter from home

MY dearest boy,

What on earth are you doing with your money? I want you to enjoy yourself at school, but I cannot afford to keep on sending you more pocket money. I do hope you are not overeating at the tuck shop. And how do you manage to lose so much of your clothing? Is the school laundry at fault? Every garment was properly marked, I'm sure. Try to be more careful. You tell me that Fuddock, your room-mate, is a receiver or fence. Is that a football term? And really, dear, you must not refer to any group of boys as a "gang." It gives a wrong impression. It is very nice to think that the Headmaster himself is taking an interest in you, but I don't quite understand his talk of cards. Is he one of those 'patience' addicts? Perhaps it rests his mind. I hope you are doing well at your work.

Your loving Mother.

Suet's speech at Pershore

SAID C. Suet, Esq., at Pershore: If we could export enough agricultural machinery to enable us to buy it all back, we could then afford to export more cars, which would enable us to import the feeding-stuffs we require for export, in order to be able to import the kind of thing we can export, so as to be able to pay for the losses incurred in exporting what we need for our own use.

YOUR BIRTHDAY.... By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

BORN today, you are deliberate when it comes to making an important decision. Once you have made up your mind, there is nothing which will move you unless you are faced with an entirely new set of facts. Your patience is great and you are willing to give one thing a fair trial for a longer period than many.

You are inclined to take life very seriously and your goals will be set high. Your mind is active and unless you are engaged in some kind of work that takes up your whole time and enthusiasm, you always are hunting around for something new. You will experiment with a new idea until you have been able, either to prove its worth or its lack of practicality. Once your decision is made, it is the one you will stand by against all kinds of opposition.

The stars have given you many talents and you may make use of them in many, varying ways. One thing you will not endure is to be bored with life.

Your family ties are strong and you are the type to want a home of your own. Wed quite early in life for the greatest happiness.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Definitely a poor day for all your efforts. Be particularly tactful with members of the opposite sex.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Guard your health. Be guarded in your romantic interests. If wed, be tactful and kind at home.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Continue yesterday's caution. All that glitters is not gold. Investigate everything carefully.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Things may not go too well on the domestic scene. Avoid signing important papers if you can.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A change for the better in your personal affairs, especially. An important friendship brings joy.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Intuition will guide you right in selecting new friends, especially in romance. A short trip is favoured.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Pay close attention to detail and you can thwart adverse tendencies inherent in this day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Definitely a poor day to sign any important papers; make no significant change. Wait.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Slowed up action, but all right for minor advances if made cautiously and with deliberation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be on guard against personal difficulties. Complications can prove serious if you permit them.

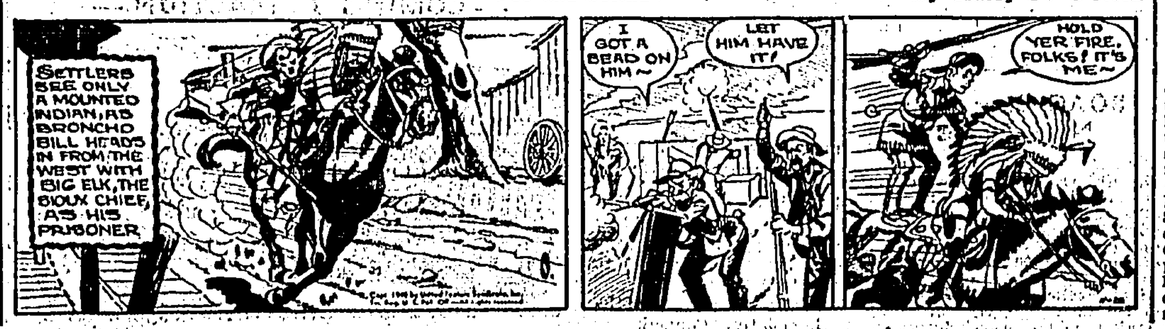
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Afternoon hours show an improvement, but still deliberate on important matters and delay action.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Stick to conventions and you will steer clear of most of your potential troubles arising from impulse.

BRONCHO BILL

Foe and Friend

By Harry F. O'Neill



FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

THREAT TO FOREIGN CAR SALES IN AMERICA

Returning Buyer's Market

Washington, Apr. 11.—The gradually returning buyer's market for cars in the United States is a strong threat to foreign car sales here.

Declining sales would hit more than the foreign manufacturers. They would also mean fewer foreign-earned dollars to pay for purchases of US goods.

RUBBER MARKET DECLINE

New York, Apr. 11.—Number 1 contract rubber futures today closed five to 15 points lower on sale totalling 10 contracts.

Standard futures closed nominally 15 to 25 points lower with no sales reported.

There was an unusually quiet situation today in both the Spot and Futures markets. Traders on both sides favoured the sidelines for the time being, awaiting developments in the domestic business picture.

Meantime the lower close at London influenced a little light liquidation.

In the Spot market, dealers reported that the factories were unwilling to reach for the higher basis on Singapore offerings.

J. P. Seiberling, President of the Seiberling Rubber Company, said that increased tyre sales in the first ten days of April indicated that many dealers were beginning to replace their deflated inventories.

Prices closed as follow:—

No. 1 Contract Rubber Futures.	
April	18.63 nominal
May	18.60 bid.
June	18.47 nominal
July	18.35 traded
August	18.22 nominal
September	18.10 bid
October	17.99 nominal
November	17.87 "
December	17.75 "
January (1950)	17.66 "
February	17.58 "
March	17.50 "
April	17.45 "
May	17.40 "
June	17.35 "
Standard Rubber Futures.	
April	18.63 nominal
May	18.60 "

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Apr. 11.

Prices in the rubber market here today closed as follow:—

May (in pence per lb.)	11⅛
July/September	11-1/16
October/December	10⅞

—United Press.

NY FOREIGN EXCHANGE

	Closing Rates April 11.
Argentine Peso (Official)	US$0.2077
Argentine Peso (Unofficial)	.2003
Australia	3.23¾
Brazil	.0660
Belgium	.02273/4
Canada	.93-9/16
Chile	.0230
England	4.03-1/16
France	.0031-7/16
India	.3024
Mexico	.1437
New Zealand	4.02
Peru	.0670
Portugal	.0404
South Africa	4.03¼
Sweden	.2705
Switzerland	.2521
Uruguay	.4275
Venezuela	.3010
Netherlands	.3770
Batavia	.3775
Singapore	.4730
Hongkong	.2500
Shanghai	.0001

—United Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, Apr. 11.—The Grains market on the Board of Trade here ruled irregular today, with wheat meeting the scaling-up in hedge selling and liquidation before the government crop report was issued after the close of business.

In the first official forecast of the winter wheat crop, the Department of Agriculture placed the yield this year at nearly 1,000,000,000 bushels—55,000,000 over its December estimate—compared with 990,000,000 bushels last year.

Prices closed as follow:—

WHEAT—price per bushel.	
May	2.17-18
July	1.93⅜-¼
CORN	
May	1.33⅝-¾
July	1.32¾-⅝
OATS	
May	70¼-⅛
July	63½

—United Press.

Indian Cotton Prices

New Delhi, Apr. 11.—Indian cotton growers and representatives of cotton interests agreed here today to recommend to the Government that new prices should come into force at the next crop year and not before.

Dr Syama Fraend Mookerjee, Indian Minister of Industry and Supply, said the Government's decision on this and other recommendations for continued price control and liberally allowed imports will be announced before the end of the month.—Reuter.

TO PROTECT MARKET

But while the January decline was not rated especially significant in itself, the British Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders is taking steps to protect the new US market.

Sir William Welsh, head of an office newly set up here by the Society, said an effort was being made to broaden the outlets for British cars.

"With a good sales organisation," he said, "British car-makers may well be able to hold their unprecedented sales record of 1948, or even improve it, in the face of a general decline.

"If we can hang on to what we did in 1948, we shall have done very well," he said, pointing out that the US was a "very competitive" market.

Sir William said that even the British manufacturers were surprised at the demand they encountered for their cars in America after World War II.

"We had never thought of shipping cars here," he said. "It was like sending coals to Newcastle."

The American market was a happy find, though, for it meant dollars, and a replacement for other markets for British cars—France and Belgium were getting "saturated" and South Africa had banned the import of cars costing more than £500.

It is still not fully known whether the American demand for British cars arose chiefly from a new fancy for them, or from mere acceptance of them as substitutes for American cars.

STEEL SHORTAGE

Until now, at least, British car-makers have been worried more over production than sales. A steel shortage has hampered output. Britain hopes to double last year's production if she can get the necessary steel this year.

To boost foreign trade, Britain permits only about 25 percent of her new cars to be sold at home. Most exported cars go to British Commonwealth countries or possessions, which received 111,591 last year.

Although exports to the US made up less than one-third of the 83,101 British cars shipped to "foreign" (non-British) countries last year, they had the advantage of bringing in much-needed US currency.

The number of British cars shipped to the U.S. amounted to only about one day's output for the American car-makers, but they had a value of US$27,000,000.

British cars coming to the U.S. are subject to a tariff charge amounting to 10 percent of the manufacturers' price to British dealers. Even that is a reduction from the tariff in operation before the Geneva Trade Conference in 1947.

Freight rates amount to about US$130 on the lightest car, and Britain is seeking a reduction.

Britain has always had a limited US market for her most costly "luxury" cars, but her postwar trade has been built mostly on smaller, lighter cars. British sports models have also caught on well in the US.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was $119,055.00. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank. ..	1670	1700	
East Asia,			92 @ 134
INSURANCES			
Canton, ...			50 @ 345
Union,	700		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf .	121		
N.P. Wharf .	6½		
Provident, ..	16.20		
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel, XD	111½		1000 @ 111½
HK Land,	56		
S'hai Land,	2.70	2.80	
Humphreys,	12.20		
UTILITIES			
Tram, XD			500 @ 16¾
			500 @ 16½
Star Ferry, XD			100 @ 113
C. Light (O), ...	13.10		500 @ 13
C. Light (N), ...	6½	9	2100 @ 6.60
Electric, XD	30	31½	200 @ 31
			500 @ 31
			250 @ 31¼
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement, XD	20½		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy (O), .	36½		200 @ 33
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Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market, this morning at the following rates:—

Sterling pound note (per £1)	15.70
U.S. dollar (per $1)	3.31
Gold bars (per tael)	221.50
Fiji piastres (per 100)	6.70
Siam ticals (per 100)	24.10
NEI guilders (per 100)	31.00
Gold Yuan (per 10,000 yuan)	900
Singapore (Straits)	46.00

OUTWARD MAILS

Easter Holidays

On Friday, Saturday and Monday, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon. The other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from the pillar boxes during the Holidays (except Sunday). The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

An outward surface mail to United Kingdom via Ports per RMS Canton will be closed on Friday April 15, as follows:

GPO Hongkong Parcels April 14, 5 p.m.; Registered, April 15, 9 a.m.; Ordinary, 9.30 a.m.

GPO Kowloon Parcels, April 14, 5 p.m.; Registered, April 15, 8.30 a.m.; Ordinary, 9 a.m.

This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about May 15, 1949.

With effect from April 1, the postage for local letters and postcards will be increased as follows.—Hongkong, Kowloon and the New Territories, 10 cents for each oz. or part of an ounce (letters); 5 cents each (postcards).

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., registered and parcel posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12
(Closing Times By Air)

Swatow, Amoy, Nanking, Tsingtao and Hoihow, 3.30 p.m.

Shanghai, 5 p.m.

Manila, Honolulu, USA & Canada, 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Air Mail (Printed Matters, Samples, and Small Packet Posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Bangkok, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Amoy, 3 p.m.

Manila, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
Closing Times By Air

Saigon and Paris, 8.30 a.m. (reg); 9 a.m. (ord).

Swatow and Amoy, 8.30 a.m. (reg); 9 a.m. (ord).

Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).

Manila, 12.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Nanking, Tsingtao, Swatow, Amoy, Tainan and Foochow, 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Bangkok, 10 a.m.

Straits, 3 p.m.

Manila, 3 p.m.

Swatow, 3 p.m.

Saigon, 3 p.m.

U.S. WAR CRIMES COURT FINDS NAZI DIPLOMATS GUILTY

Nuremberg, Apr. 11.—An American War Crimes Court today found five top Nazi diplomats guilty of planning Hitler's aggressive wars. The "Wilhelmstrasse" trial of 21 former German officials and advisers neared its end when the Chief Judge, Mr William Christianson, of Minnesota, began reading the 832-page judgment early today.

The verdict, the longest in the 12 Nuremberg war crimes trials, will be read in relays by the three judges in four full Court days. The tribunal said that silver-haired Ernst Von Weizsaecker, former Secretary of State of the German Foreign Office, was guilty of planning the invasion of Czechoslovakia, but that he "explicitly warned" Britain of Hitler's impending attack on Poland.

The others, found guilty of planning agressive war, were: Wilhelm Keppler, Hitler's special economic adviser, Ernst Woermann, former Chief of the Political Division of the German Foreign Office, Paul Koerner, Goering's permanent deputy for the four-year plan, Hans Lammers, former chief of the Reich Chancellery.

The court ruled that none of the 17 former Nazi diplomats accused of waging aggressive war had acted under coercion or duress. Any of them who had opposed war schemes had "said as little as he could, and in words as soft and innocuous as he could find."

Only 17 of the defendants were in court today. The other four are ill in hospital.

The tribunal acquitted all 17 who appeared today on the charges of evolving a plan or conspiracy to commit crimes against the peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity. It found Weizsaecker, as an "implementer and not as an originator," had done everything in his power to warn Britain of the impending invasion of Poland.

RAF MURDERS

The court found four top Nazis guilty of war crimes involving the murder of 50 Royal Air Force officers who escaped from Stalag Luft and the lynching of other Allied flyers.

The judgment dealt at length with attempts by two of the guilty Nazis, Gustav Steongracht Von Moyland, former German Foreign Office State Secretary, and Karl Ritter, liaison officer between the Foreign Office and the Wehrmacht, to cover up the RAF murders by sending false diplomatic notes to the British Government.

The tribunal found that the "false reports, which Ritter helped to draft and which Steongracht transmitted, stupid and inept as they were, were intended to deceive both the protecting power (Switzerland) and Great Britain, and at least give a colour of legality to what was beyond the pale of international law."

The other two Nazis found guilty on this war crimes charge were Hans Lammers, chief of the Reich Chancellery, and Gottlob Berger, one-time SS Lieutenant Colonel and chief of the SS Headquarters.

CAMOUFLAGE NOTE

The Tribunal found that Ritter was instrumental in fabricating a note to be relayed to the British Government stating that certain "death zones" had been established for testing secret weapons, in which escaping prisoners stood in danger of being shot as spies.

While this notice was designed to deter further escapes, the tribunal also interpreted its actual meaning as a camouflage to conceal the murder of other escaping prisoners.

Ritter was also implicated in drafting a note to Britain, which reported that the 50 Royal Air Force officers had been shot while resisting capture, though he knew that the police teletype reports on which this information was based were false.

The judgment said that, as a result of conversations between Weizsaecker and Sir Neville Henderson, then British Ambassador in Berlin, it was open to Britain "either to endeavour to block the execution of any pact between Germany and Russia or, if this were impracticable, otherwise to prepare for the event."

"It is significant that Weizsaecker plainly warned the British of the danger of war and of Hitler's attitude before the Soviet-German Pact was signed (August 23, 1939), and informed Sir Neville Henderson that he believed that Russian resistance to the Poles would not only be entirely negligible but that the Soviet Union would even in the end join in sharing the Polish spoils."

INVASION OF AUSTRIA

The judgment said Keppler played "an important part" in the invasion of Austria and acted as a willing participant in negotiating the fall of Czechoslovakia."

Woermann provided the "border incidents," intended to place on Poland the responsibility for the outbreak of war, but the tribunal exonerated him from blame in the attacks on Russia, the Low Countries and nine other nations.

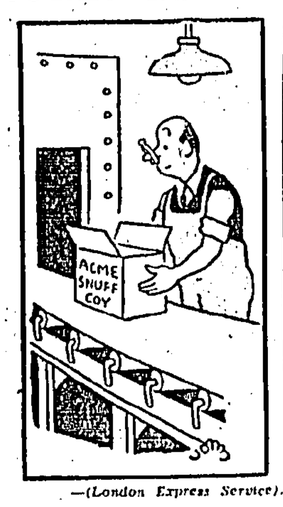
Lammers was said "beyond doubt" to have been a criminal participant in the German plans for aggression against seven European countries.

As Goering's deputy, Paul Koerner must have been aware of the aggressive nature of the plans under consideration, the tribunal thought, because the real aim of the four-year plan was "to prepare Germany for war."

The court found Gottlob guilty of having actively helped to plan the murder of General Mesny, of the French Army, as a reprisal for the killing of a German general by the French Maquis. General Mesny was slain by SS men dressed as ordinary soldiers while being moved from one camp to another, but was officially reported as having been killed "while attempting to escape."

Lammers was also found guilty of helping to carry out a secret order to protect German civilians who murdered Allied airmen.—Reuter.

POCKET CARTOON



—(London Express Service).

Italy Seeks Her Former Colonies

Ethiopia Resists Claims

Lake Success, Apr. 11.—Ethiopia, victim of Italian aggression in 1934, today appealed to the United Nations to save her from another Italian "pincer" in Eritrea and Somaliland, which should place her once more in the "jaws of a lion."

Mr Ato Aklilou, the Ethiopian representative, told the Political Committee, which is debating the fate of the former Italian colonies, that Italy could show a "lamentable record of occupation in Eritrea."

He was replying to the earlier speech of Count Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister. Mr Aklilou said the four-power Commission report showed clearly that over 90 percent of the population of Eritrea was opposed to a return of the Italians.

He added that he was particularly shocked to see as a member of the Italian delegate a former Fascist Governor of Ethiopia, who has stood by while men and women were slaughtered.

PRESENCE "SHOCKING"

"That man was on the war criminals' list of the London Commission," he added. "His presence on the delegation is shocking." (Mr Aklilou was referring to Signor Enrico Cerulli, former Governor of Ethiopia).

Earlier, Dr Jose Arce, of the Argentine, proposed that Italy should be given trusteeship over Libya, Somaliland and the northern part of Eritrea, and Ethiopia be given the southern part of Eritrea.

Mr H. T. Andrews, of South Africa, proposed that Britain should be given trusteeship over Cyrenaica, France trusteeship over the Fezzan, and Ethiopia an outlet to the sea through Eritrea, but that wherever practicable the erstwhile Italian colonies should be returned to Italy under a United Nations trusteeship.

Joint responsibility had not provided a success where tried, as shown in Germany, and he doubted whether the Trusteeship Council would have the authority and the financial means for an international trusteeship.

The Union Government could not support the Italian claims to the whole of Libya however. A large section of the Arab population in Cyrenaica might even resist an Italian administration by force of arms.

South Africa recognised the validity of the British wartime pledge to the Senussi tribesmen that they would not again be placed under Italian rule.—Reuter.

JUST BEING FRIENDLY



Georges H. Westbeau plays with his pet lioness, Tyke, which the sheriff's office at Auburn, Wash., has ordered Westbeau to keep either penned or tied. It seems the 260-pound animal makes some folks nervous. Tyke and Westbeau live on a ranch near Auburn.—AP—Picture.

$8,000 Damages Awarded

Reversal Of Supreme Court Decision

London, Apr. 11.—The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today set aside a judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada and awarded a Canadian boy and his father $8,000 damages against a Canadian gasoline company.

In the summer of 1940, the boy, William Yachuk, then aged nine, wanted to play at "Red Indians" with his seven-year-old brother. To enact a scene they had seen in the movie they made torches by soaking bulrushes in gasoline.

William went with his brother to a gasoline station at Kirkland Lake, where they lived, and told an assistant that their mother's car was "stuck down the street." They were supplied with about a pint of spirit. William was severely burned when it caught fire from a lighted bulrush.

A claim for damages brought on behalf of William by his father, who also claimed special damages, went before a Canadian court.

FIRST AWARD

They were awarded $2,000 and $678 respectively, the judge finding William three-quarters negligent and the company—the Oliver Blais Company, Limited — one-quarter negligent.

The Court of Appeal for Ontario then held that William was not guilty of contributory negligence and awarded him and his father $8,000 and $2,712. But the Supreme Court of Canada restored the judgment of the trial judge with damages as assessed by him.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today set this decision aside and restored the finding of the Court of Appeal for Ontario, with damages as assessed by them. It dismissed a cross-petition by the gasoline company.

"To put a highly-inflammable substance into the hands of a small boy is to subject him to temptation and the risk of injury, and this is no less true if the boy has resorted to deceit to overcome the supplier's scruples," Lord Justice Du Parcq said.——Reuter.

CRUSHED TO DEATH

Santa Monica, Calif, Apr. 11.—The crushed body of a negro workman, Robert Lacey, 63, was recovered late today from beneath the collapsed roof of a reservoir.

Lacey was trapped when concrete forms collapsed, pinning him under 100 tons of fresh cement.

The cave-in of the reservoir roof injured 11 other persons working above the forms.

Doctors who examined the body after it was brought out by firemen said Lacey had been killed instantly.—United Press.

Reception For HK Delegates

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, Apr. 11.—Mr Rees Williams, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, will receive the Hongkong British Industries Fair delegation at a tea party at the Colonial Office on April 26.

He will also speak at a luncheon to be given by leading British industrialists at the Savoy Hotel on May 4, at which the Hongkong delegation will be the guests of honour.

BOAC Buys Four New Planes

Stockholm, Apr. 11.—The British Overseas Airways Corporation has bought four new Boeing strato-cruisers from the Scandinavian Airlines for the equivalent of 40 million crowns (about £2,700,000). It was announced here tonight. The Scandinavian Airlines had not yet taken delivery of the craft from the manufacturers.—Reuter.

Israeli Has Role To Play

Envoy's Address To Pres. Truman

Washington, Apr. 11.—President Truman said today that he was "firmly convinced of the necessity for the speedy establishment of a true and equitable peace between Israel and its neighbours."

The President spoke at the ceremonies at which the newly appointed Ambassador of Israel, Mr Eliahu Elath, presented his credentials to the President.

Ambassador Elath said that Israel "will seek to express her own moral heritage and to make yet another contribution to civilisation."

He said Israel hoped "that her progress may contribute to the development of the Middle East and be of benefit to the entire world."

Continuing, the Ambassador stated, "The President and people of Israel are deeply grateful for the great contribution made by the Government of the United States and its people to the establishment of the States of Israel.

NOBLE TRADITION

"The noble tradition of expressing sympathy with the aims of Zionism has earned for the people of the United States the undying gratitude and admiration of Israel and the Jewish people."

He went on to thank President Truman for his concern for Jewish displaced persons and for the prompt recognition of Israel's independence.

Replying, President Truman spoke about "this important further step in the strengthening and consolidating of relations between our two countries."

These relations, President Truman added, had reflected the "sincere interest of the Government and people of the United States in the deep-rooted aspirations of your people to found an independent nation.

"I am firmly convinced of the necessity for the speedy establishment of a true and equitable peace between Israel and its neighbours and for the resolution of all problems outstanding between them in accordance with the solemn recommendations of the United Nations with respect to Palestine. The Government of the United States is deeply desirous of assisting by all appropriate means in the fulfilment of these objectives."—Reuter.

Celebrations Ban

Belfast, Apr. 11. — The Northern Ireland Government today banned all celebrations in Northern Ireland of the declaration of the Republic of Eire at Easter. An order made under the Special Powers Acts said demonstrations might lead to disorder.

An anti-partition rally planned at Newry, County Down for Easter Monday will be affected by the ban.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE REFORM CLUB OF HONGKONG

THE FOURTH PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the "Gripps", Hongkong Hotel, on Thursday, 14th April, 1949, at 5.30 p.m.

Subject: Reply to the Legislative Council.

Plea For War Time Filipino Guerillas Rejected

Washington, Apr. 11.—The Army Secretary, Mr Kenneth Royall said today there would be no point in giving unrecognised Filipino guerilla units another chance to qualify for back pay and veterans' benefits.

He added the "army considers the recognition programme properly terminated" on June 30 last year.

Mr Royall made these statements in a letter reply to a query by Senator Millard Tydings.

A group identifying themselves as the Washington mission for the "Filipino Guerilla Veterans Legion" petitioned Senator Tydings, as Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, to introduce a bill to reopen the guerilla recognition programme and to re-appropriate 200,000,000 pesos to pay off additional guerillas found deserving.

Mrs Mamerta Block, a Filipino and her husband Isaac, a United States citizen and a former GI in the Philippines, told the United Press today they head the mission here. They began in December to press the case of 151,000 Filipinos who, they asserted, are insufficiently rewarded as "legitimate claimants."

THE CLAIMANTS

Mrs Block catalogued these claimants as follows:

1. Eighteen thousand guerillas with papers to prove it.
2. Thirty-six thousand members of "bona fide guerilla units" whose papers were lost.
3. Thirty thousand unpaid "bona fide USAFFE servicemen."
4. Twenty-seven thousand prewar Philippine Scouts who turned guerilla and whose claims were unpaid.
5. Forty thousand "war widows, orphans and parents" including legitimate political prisoners of war.

Mr Mario Pamintuan, whose papers indicate he was a resistance colonel in charge of an estimated 7,000 guerillas in northwest Pampanga military district, joined the Blocks here and helped them present the case to Senator Tydings.

BASIS FOR GRIEVANCE

Pamintuan contended that only 1,793 of his guerillas were recognised despite the fact that higher army headquarters authorised the recognition of all the 7,000. He charged the army administrative slipup cut 5,007 out of their rightful claims and he made a special appeal that this alleged wrong be righted.

The Embassy military attache, Colonel Jaime Velasquez, said he never heard of the "Filipino Guerilla Veterans Legion" until Mrs Block brought her problem to him. But he indicated that both he and Ambassador Elizalde saw a basis for Pamintuan's grievance.

Colonel Velasquez reported that the Philippine Ambassador had written Mr Royall asking him to look into the matter. The Embassy is now waiting for a reply.

Meanwhile, in his letter to Senator Tydings, Mr Royall said the army was "fully cognisant of the splendid services rendered by the many Filipino guerillas and the matter of recognition and payment of Filipino guerillas was the subject of an exhaustive study completed by the War Department on January 22, 1947."

He said the army used "intensive examination and meticulous care in awarding recognition to deserving guerillas. In an effort to insure justice, separate investigations were made of all applications, he said.

Mr Royal said guerilla units not favourably considered on initial examination were permitted "review of the case" and in many instances more than two distinct field investigations were made.

The Army Secretary contended that "all claims" were reinvestigated when the "evidence warranted" and all carefully adjudged.—United Press.

ATLANTIC PACT

Washington, Apr. 11.—The North Atlantic Pact is expected to be presented to Congress tomorrow, it was stated officially. Mr Charles Ross, the Presidential Press Secretary, said President Truman's message accompanying the Act would deal only with the treaty and not the arms programme for Western Europe.—Reuter.

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